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Fire claims Bethel farmhouse that was home to seven generations

By ALISON ALOISIO

A dog is credited with saving his master from a Monday-morning fire that destroyed a 160-year-old house on the North Road in Bethel.

Rusty Seames, the adult son of homeowner Deborah Stearns, was asleep when the fire broke out around 8 a.m., according to Bethel Fire Chief Mike Jodrey.

The dog woke Seames, and both were able to escape safely.

At the time the fire broke out, Stearns was at her job in Norway.

The BFD responded to the call of a fully-involved structure fire, and arrived on the scene at 8:15 a.m., Jodrey said.

"It was fortunate that we had a hydrant by the driveway," he said.

"But it's a bummer that we didn't stand a chance from the start."

The home had been in Stearns' family for seven generations, according to historian Steve Seames, who is also her brother-in-law.

Stearns is the daughter of the late Bob Stearns, a former Bethel police chief.

Jodrey said there is no official word yet on the cause of the fire, which is under investigation by three fire marshals from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The blaze started in a vacant ell, Jodrey said.

"The whole ell was destroyed when we got there,"

he said.

All firefighters could do was try to keep the fire from spreading to the woods and a nearby barn, which housed several horses.

In addition to Bethel, firefighters from Newry and Gilead also fought the blaze.

"Gilead found several spot fires in the woods that they took care of," said Jodrey.

The horses were unable to see the fire from the barn, said Jodrey.

He believes this might have led to the animals remaining relatively calm.

Bethel firefighters were on the scene until about 2:30 p.m., Jodrey said.

Stearns and her two sons are staying at the Bethel Inn, Jodrey said.

The Red Cross and the Bethel Fire Department's Relief Fund are aiding the family, he said.

He said he believes the house is insured.

Steve Seames said the original house, built in 1850, had seven fireplaces.

An old arch kettle from that home sits outside on display in the front yard, along with an old carriage and antique farm implements.

An addition to the home was built in 1950, Seames said.

The property includes 225 acres of land.

The Greenwood Fire Department stood by at their station during the fire, Jodrey said.



REMINDERS OF A LONG HISTORY

A Bethel home that had been in the Stearns family for seven generations was destroyed by fire Monday morning. Here, after knocking down the intense flames that consumed the structure, firefighters look through the front door. In the foreground to the left is an arch kettle that formerly hung in one of the seven fireplaces located in the original 1850s house.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Speed not thought to be a factor in Greenwood Road motorcycle crash that severely injures Bethel rider

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Rodney Burnham, 64, of Bethel set off Saturday to enjoy a sunny ride on a vintage motorcycle he had purchased only the previous day, but his ride ended abruptly on a level, gently curving stretch of Greenwood Road along Twitchell Pond.

The front brake or wheel of Burnham's new ride, a 1986 Suzuki Cavalcade, apparently locked.

Burnham — described by friends as an experienced rider — was able to keep the bike upright for 20 or 25 feet, as its tire burned along the pavement, but he was eventually thrown to the road, breaking several bones and suffering other head and chest injuries.

He was not wearing a helmet.

PACE, Tri-Town Rescue and the Woodstock Fire Department responded, and LifeFlight was called in.

A landing zone was set up

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ROUGH LANDING, GENTLE LIFTOFF
A Life-Flight helicopter takes Rodney Burnham to Central Maine Medical Center, after he was thrown from his motorcycle early Saturday afternoon, while riding the Greenwood Road along Twitchell Pond.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Asphalt plant needs no approval under current Newry regs

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bruce Manzer's plan to set up an asphalt plant at Newry Corner does not need the approval of the town's Planning Board, selectmen were told Monday.

Manzer, whose application to set up such a plant on the North Road was recently rejected by the Bethel Planning Board, now plans to operate the plant instead in a gravel pit owned by Bob Chadbourne.

Manzer, Chadbourne and Newry Planning Board Chairman Brooks Morton came to Monday's selectmen's meeting to update the board.

On April 20 Manzer attended a Planning Board meeting to ask if he needed town approval. Planners, according to Morton, concluded then that a plant would fall under ordinance exemptions that include "existing uses or uses which were legally established prior to the adoption of this ordinance."

"The Planning Board concluded (1) that this pit has been active for over 50 years, and (2) that asphalt processing has occurred seasonally for many of those years. Our conclusion was that no application would be necessary," Morton said.

In order to document that decision, planners were expected to conduct a Finding of Fact process at their meeting last night (Wednesday).

Morton also stressed that the board did not grant a waiver for the plant.

He told selectmen he has received five calls since the April

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Carbon footprint, Sunday hours among concerns of G&W committee

By MICHAEL DANIELS

"If — as we keep hearing — 'Zero-Sort' is going to be the wave of the future, and eventually we're all going to be doing it, do you feel that is going to be a step backward, as far as being green — that it produces more of a carbon footprint to do 'Zero-Sort'?"

Greenwood Selectman Amy Chapman posed that question to her Woodstock counterpart Steve Bies last week, at a

meeting of the G&W Transfer Station Committee, called to begin consideration of a proposal from Pine Tree Waste to take over management of the Locke Mills facility.

The new proposal includes not only implementation of the "Zero-Sort" recycling process developed and trademarked by Casella Waste Management, Pine Tree's parent company, but also staffing the station with two uni-

'All the sorting is done in a giant factory with conveyers and blowers and all that — there's your carbon footprint.'

STEVE BIES, Woodstock Selectman

formed Pine Tree employees and hauling off the site's waste and recyclables at no charge.

For this, Pine Tree was proposing a charge of \$3,980 a

month, or \$47,760 a year, over the course of a four-and-a-half year contract period.

The towns, which currently spend approximately \$180,000 a year on solid waste, would

still be responsible for maintaining the site and compactor, and for dealing with construction debris.

Carbon footprint

The G&W committee, made up of the two towns' six selectmen, was itself sorting through various aspects of Pine Tree's proposal, among them operating hours and the "greenness" (in terms of reduced carbon footprint) of "Zero-Sort" (actually a form

of single-sort recycling, since residents would still be re-

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on Wed., May 11, 2011
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Fore! The golf course opens this Saturday!

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Letters

OUR SCHOOLS, OUR COMMUNITY

To the Editor:

A school is the heart of a community. Without a school a community will suffer, and without a supportive community a school will suffer. Education cannot be measured in enrollment alone. It must be measured in passion, integrity, and perseverance. Nowhere is this more evident than in Andover.

Recently the SAD/RSU 44 school board voted to close this small-town elementary school. It is now up to the citizens of Andover to rally and fight to keep our school open.

Karen Thurston
Andover

HOUSE BLESSING

To the Editor:

To you, and through you to our gentle readers — May began with a House Blessing and 100-plus friends joining me at the Adelbert Scribner Farm (Clayton and Mary Sweet's). A great time, food, conversation, ardent spirits and fellowship.

Less than 12 hours later my sister-in-law, Debra Stearns (daughter of Robert Stearns (late police chief of Bethel) and Joyce Murphy Stearns, lost her family estate to fire. By the Grace of the Almighty no lives were lost, only possessions.

She, and her grown sons, Ryan Alan Seames and Rusty Seames, have but the clothes on their backs.

I am reminded this morning by something the late Dexter Stowell said of West Parish Church: "If this church building burns, it is a loss but we still are people of God and a church."

I feel much the same this morning. We are less a beautiful old house, the Stearns Estate, that has been in my sister-in-law's family since the 1840s. But, we are still a family, house or not.

I extend to Chief Mike Jodrey, his new chief Bruce Pierce, and the men of Newry and the fire department of Gilead, who all performed to the finest degree, our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your professionalism, outstanding conduct and kindness to Deb, the boys and myself. Blessed are the firemen who protect our village and homes.

Stephen Trent Seames
Bethel

NONPROFITS THANKS

To the Editor:

Members of the Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative owe a huge thank you to many members of the community for helping us pull off our second annual Community Forum. This year's theme was "Bridging Youth and Community Voices."

We were able to bring 30 students from Telstar Middle and High Schools and Gould together with about 30 representatives from local nonprofits. The results were inspiring and will fuel the work of BANC in the coming months.

Tremendous thanks go to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Mahoosuc Kids Association, and River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition for funding the event, and to The Bethel Inn Resort for their hospitality and providing a beautiful space that brought out the creativity in us all.

The "Open Spaces" format of the meeting allowed the participants to develop their own agenda by coming up with ideas to improve our community, and allowed flexibility to discuss and brainstorm about whatever they wanted. BANC members will work to continue momentum on these projects. Below is a summary of some of the ways attendees came up with to work towards improving the Bethel area's quality of place.

- Improving Telstar athletic facilities
- Making Oxford County the healthiest county in Maine
- Creating a dog park and placing art along the Bethel Pathway

- Connecting youth and the elderly
- School-to-work programs connecting with nonprofits
- Organizing a community open mike night and having A/V equipment available for local performing artists
- Making the Telstar complex more energy efficient
- Improve access to and awareness of local foods in schools and the community
- Developing a local organization to grant "wishes" to deserving people in the Bethel area

Many groups are already hard at work to make these goals happen, and I can't wait to see and hopefully aid their progress. Please see BANC's website at www.bethelmainenonprofits.org or contact me at jsp@bethelmainenonprofits.org or 754-8158 if you are interested in learning more about (or joining!) BANC or connecting with one of the above projects.

Jessie Seymour Perkins
Network Facilitator, Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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WHAT'S BEST FOR THE CHILDREN

To the Editor:

The School Board has voted to close the Andover Elementary School and reduced the budget to Woodstock Elementary School (the first step toward closure). Andover's children will be bussed to Crescent Park School in Bethel. Should Woodstock Elementary School be closed the children there will also be bussed to Crescent Park School.

It seems to me that the additional students will tax the already hard-working teachers and aids of Crescent Park to the point that education will suffer for these young minds in their most vulnerable time.

Budget cuts and what's best for the children have been reasons given for the measures taken. A suggestion for budget savings and welfare of our children that I don't believe has been voiced would be the re-designation of SAD 44 to a Kindergarten to Eighth Grade (K-8) system and shut down Telstar High School.

I'm told the dropout rate at Telstar is twenty (20) percent, which seems very high to me. On top of that the School Superintendent sent his children to Gould Academy rather than have them attend Telstar. I've heard other educators within the district say that if they'd had the money they, as well, would have sent their children to Gould. A school board member home schools her own children and will be opening a private middle school. If her sole interest in being on a public school board is to make sure her taxes don't go up perhaps a run at selectman would be a better fit for her. What could she possibly care about public education for "our" children when it doesn't seem to be good enough for hers.

Instead of having a high school in the district families would be given a voucher to send their child/children to the high school of their choice.

Whether or not this system would be more efficient I think needs to be addressed by the School Board. Closing the High School would save considerable money, in teacher's salaries transportation costs, and building maintenance. It would provide an education to our children worthy of one our school board desires for their own.

David Bobbe
Woodstock

MAHOOSUC BAND SPRING CONCERT

To the Editor:

It's spring. The peepers are talking. The ducks, loons and geese are back. The ice is out. Some of the flowers are blooming. Even the crocuses have gone by. The grass is greener. The days are longer. It's still raining.

And another sign of spring - The Mahoosuc Community Band is ready for its spring concert. All are invited Sunday afternoon, May 15, for an afternoon of fun music at 4 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel.

Patricia Boyle-Wight is the director. The band members are all musicians that just play music because it's fun. Many haven't played in several years. The band rehearses Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Congregational Church basement. New members are always welcome. We specifically encourage young musicians for the summer who want to keep on playing when the school year is over.

Come Monday night, hear the music and support your local community band.

Jane Chandler
Woodstock

PLANNING FOR MOLLYCKETT DAYS

To the Editor:

The planning for Mollyckett Days, July 16 and 17, 2011, presented by Northeast Bank and the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, is well underway, and we invite the participation of individuals, businesses and community groups from throughout the region.

This year's theme is "Our River Runs Through It" as a mean to celebrate all the many ways the Androscoggin River has been an integral part of the history, evolution, and success of our western Maine communities. We encourage the creative spirit to those who are considering having a presence in the parade, which will begin once again at 10 a.m. Saturday, the 16th.

Parade applications with guidelines can be obtained by calling the chamber office, 824-2282.

The highly anticipated Mollyckett Medallion Treasure Hunt, sponsored by the Bethel Citizen and Dream Reality, will begin June 6 with the publication in The Citizen of the first of six weekly clues. The winner will be announced and the check will be presented by Miss Mollyckett at approximately 12:30 p.m. on July 16.

There are still vendor spaces available on the Common and applications can be obtained either on the Mollyckett Days website: www.mollyckettdays.com or by calling the Chamber of Commerce office. The major event on the Common is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday for the vendors, although everyone is welcome to stay set up through the fireworks which will begin at approximately 9 p.m.

We are planning events for all ages, including children's entertainment immediately following the parade. The Amazing Lou, a magician and balloon artist will be enjoyed by all and is being sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club. The frog jumping contest will be held, as usual, starting at 1 p.m., and sponsored once again by friends of Mollyckett Day, Pete and Vicki Rackliffe. ZUM-BA and Belly Dancing Demonstrations — and possibly some children's dancers will delight the crowd! Music by Jim McLaughlin and Friends will grace the Common during the mid-afternoon time period and is being brought to us compliments of CB Kenworth. A fabulous Maine Gem and Jewelry Auction will be worth staying for — from approximately 4 to 5 p.m., made possible through the generosity of Jim Mann of Mt. Mann Jewelers. New this year are free horse-drawn wagon rides up and down Main Street, sponsored by SkiESta and provided by Deepwood Farms. Also new is an Open Mic Showcase — organized by Telstar and Gould Academy students. From approximately 5:30 p.m. — the fireworks, everyone will have the pleasure of enjoying the fantastic talents of local musicians. Anyone who would like to participate is asked to contact James Piccirillo at picc1233@hotmail.com

The Mollyckett Day Races, sponsored by Michael T. Steven Associates and Kennett Realty, are scheduled for Sunday, July 17, with post registration, t-shirt pickup and sign in starting at 7 a.m. under the tent on the Common. Registration for the 1-mile kid's race, the 5-mile adult race and the 3-mile walking event (and Nordic Walking) are open. Applications are available on the www.mollyckettdays.com website and at the chamber office. The Diaper Dash applications are also on the website — open to infants and toddlers up to 3 years old. A fantastic commemorative t-shirt, with artwork designed by local artist Ken Irons, will be available to the first 125 competitors registered and for sale at the chamber tent.

More events are being added — and the schedule will be updated on the event website.

We are seeking donors for the Saturday evening fireworks — and any amount is welcomed. Mollyckett Day is our community's celebration and a reunion as well. We appreciate the participation and support of everyone who enjoys it! Fireworks donations can be sent to BACC Mollyckett Day Fireworks Fund, P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, ME 04217.

Thanks for helping us to make this the best Mollyckett Days ever!

The Mollyckett Days Task Force: Matty Leach, Lynn Wilson, Susan Isham, Lynn Saxton, Jim Mann, Steve Etheridge, Kevin Rosenberg, Amy Marshall, Colleen Files.

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment 16

The First Year: Settling In

Miss Fan woke up, quickly arose from her chair and announced that we should get back to work. I answered her, "You may, if you like, but I'm too tired. I'm going to stay here and look at the sky. You could use the telephone if you have any calls to make."

This was a face-saving plan to keep her occupied until time for her to go back to town. I listened as she talked with her friends and heard her saying, "It's a strange thing that old as I am, I can still turn off more work than my daughter. She doesn't seem to have the knack of getting anything done. B.B. had to come down and get me to help or she never would have gotten one room settled."

It's only four-thirty and I'm ready to do more right now, but she is pestered out. I'm going to make them some hot biscuits for supper for B.B. He is working hard."

As soon as B.B. left to take Miss Fan home, I went out and spaded up sods for the garden on the south side of the barn. This was part of my plan to use the daylight time each evening to do something that I really liked, that would be permanent, not a make-do for the present. When darkness forced me inside, B.B. lit the lamp and cast a glance over the north room. With a smile, he said, "I see Miss Fan has rigged us up quite a little parlor. I suppose the next time she comes you will have her settle the living room."

"Never," I answered. "I want her to have a good time, but I'll find something else for her to do. I prefer to wait until the walls and floors are fixed and camp out meantime than to handle everything over twice. This room reminds me of how she used to tell me when I was a little girl and fussed about a button that didn't match that it would never show on a trotting horse."

"It is a bit of a hodgepodge, I'll admit."

"A bit!" I fumed. "Just look again. Dark, smoky ceiling, bits of plaster falling down, rough dark walls, a cracked, uneven floor, three pieces of elegant Victorian furniture, a dilapidated Morris chair, a sewing machine and a rocker big enough to go in a throne room. I call it a BIG hodgepodge. I'm glad I can go back to haying tomorrow."

It did not rain again. We finished the haying and took the horses home. Then came Ted and his cousin, Tom, to help me. I had been waiting for some brawn. B.B. had chosen the northeast bedroom for his balliwick because there was a tall chest of drawers there which would tidily keep separate his clothing.

He was quite content with the room as it was, but not I. The curly maple-trimmed drawers of the chest would just match the Capen bed. The present double bed was too large for such a small room; besides it was a nondescript painted affair. It had evidently been cut down from what once was a tall, tall headboard. Poking about with my rule (I now carried one as did B.B.), I had found a very good mattress in the middle of the pile that I thought would fit the Capen bed. The boys helped me make the move.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: A groundbreaking ceremony was held at Gould Academy for the McLaughlin Science Center.

About 70 walkers participated in the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon, raising about \$9,000.

The team of Jeremy Rouse, Joe Reynolds, Bryan Wilson, and Fred Bailey combined to set a new Telstar school record of 9:30.8 in the 4x800-meter relay race.

Deaths: Ethelyn M. Caillouet, Charles H. Knight, Linwood Westleigh, Dr. Richard Davis Bush, Archie L. Young, Jr.

20 years ago: Seven baby chicks were hatched in Marcy Tupper's kindergarten class at the Ethel Bisbee School.

The buildings of the L. E. Davis sawmill in Bethel were being demolished. The mill's machinery was sold and shipped to a company in Maryland.

The Mahoosuc Arts Council sponsored a concert featuring Maine's own Brad Terry and Friends of Jazz.

Births: Michael Timothy Kelly, Jr., Sarah Jane Benjamin.

Deaths: Harry E. Parsons, Richard P. Stevens.

30 years ago: The first push button tone dial telephones were installed in the Bethel area.

Births: Audrey Lynn Inman, Jason Samuel Curtis York. Death: George T. Biden.

40 years ago: Guy P. Butler resigned as Executive Director and Assistant Treasurer of the Bethel Inn Company, leaving the Inn under the capable direction of General Manager Blaine D. Moores.

More than 300 attended the "Family Night Fair" supper and activities sponsored by the PTE.

Jay Willard of Bethel purchased the Alfred Barzak camp in Upton.

Birth: Patti-Ann Jaros. Death: Grace D. Hulbert.

50 years ago: Thirty-five members attended the Bowling Banquet at Sudbury Inn. The Legion was the winning team for the season.

The Five Town Teachers Club met at the Greenwood City Schoolhouse with 18 members present.

A buffalo calf was born at the Rumford Wild Animal Park.

The ice was out of Songo Pond.

Death: Mrs. Susan G. Edwards.

60 years ago: The Bethel Lions Club held a "Come As You Are Ball" at the Top Hat Pavilion. Lord's Orchestra provided the music.

Births: Katrina Lowe, John Thurston.

Deaths: Mrs. Mabel Hastings Skinner, Mrs. Harriett M. Witter.

70 years ago: Miss Barbara Moore of Bethel was elected president of the Girls' Ski Club at Bates College.

Deaths: Mrs. Maude Stowell Rand, Mrs. Mabel McAllister, Matti Kilponen.

80 years ago: The Bethel tax rate was fixed at .049, an increase of seven mills over 1930. The taxes had been committed to the collector.

Kenneth Vail was painfully injured at the grammar school when hit above the eye by a baseball.

90 years ago: Fred Gordon was severely injured when thrown from his wagon.

The 800 employees of the International Paper Co. at Rumford were on strike protesting wage reductions of 20 to 30 percent.

Twenty-five friends of Moses Grover gave him a surprise party on his 75th birthday. Death: C. Lester Heath.

100 years ago: Dr. R.R. Tibbetts' carriage was destroyed when his horse was frightened by a dog. The doctor was not injured.

Rev. J. H. Little was called to Portland, Augusta and Bangor during the week.

Marriage: Roy Brown and Florence Skillings.

110 years ago: At Newry Corner the water rose to within six inches of the doorsill of Union vestry. The organ and bookcases were put on chairs to avoid damage.

Deaths: Alvin C. Dresser, Louis Young, Marcus L. Dudley.

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Briefly

Clean-up at 4-H camp Saturday

WOODSTOCK—Volunteers are sought for the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp's annual Camp Clean Up Day, May 7, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine, to get the camp ready for the season. There will be plenty of raking, brush removal, firewood stacking, painting and other projects. Volunteers are asked to bring garden tools if they have them. A hearty lunch will be provided. Call 207-665-2068 for details.

Family Fishing Festival June 4

BETHEL—The Upper Andro Anglers Alliance in co-operation with Trout Unlimited will host a free family fishing festival on Saturday, June 4. The festival will be held at Angevine Park on the North Road in Bethel, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. Free casting workshops and fly-tying instruction will be available throughout the day. Local Maine guides and members of the Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited will teach the workshops. Instruction will include both spin casting and fly casting for older youth and parents. Maine's Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs Program will supply complimentary rods and reels for use at the festival. Families can practice newly learned casting skills in the one-acre pond and are welcome to take home their catch. The pond will be stocked with trout courtesy of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Each young angler will receive a mini-tackle box complete with bobber, sinkers and hook courtesy of the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance. Kids can learn how to tie flies with materials provided by local outfitters and fly shops. Children will be able to take home their hand-tied flies. Families participating in the event will be eligible for door prizes from local outfitters and businesses as well as L.L. Bean and Kittery Trading Post. The Bethel Fire Dept. will host a barbecue of hotdogs and hamburgers, chips, and drinks and families are welcome to bring a pack lunch. The weekend of June 4 and 5 is a free fishing weekend in Maine. Resident and Non-resident freshwater fishing licenses are waived each day. The Family Fishing Festival is one of many nationwide events that provide families with an opportunity to have fun on the water. The events are promoted by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (www.rbff.org). For those families wishing to stay overnight and fish or canoe the Androscoggin River on Sunday, special family packages are available for the weekend at local lodging establishments. For information on the Family Fishing Festival, contact the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance at 207-824-3694, fish@upperandro.com or www.upperandro.com.

Watershed survey volunteers

CASCO—The Crooked River Survey Project Steering Committee is seeking volunteers to help with the upcoming watershed survey. Volunteers will be trained to identify and document sites where eroding soils are washing into the river. Once training has been completed, volunteers will work in teams to survey assigned areas of the watershed. This survey will primarily involve stream crossings and will not involve canoes, kayaks or waders: volunteer teams will travel in cars to bridges and culverts and will complete their surveys from dry land. Information collected through the survey will be used to identify and prioritize future restoration projects. The overall goal is to keep the river clean for future generations to enjoy. Crooked River Watershed Survey Volunteer Training Session will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 7 (rain or shine) at the Crooked River Adult & Community Education Center. The Center is located at 1437 Poland Spring Road (Rt. 11) in Casco. To sign up or to get more information contact: Betty Williams at Cumberland County SWCD: 892-4700 or betty.williams@cumberlandswcd.org

Island wind-power project stalled

HIGHLAND PLANTATION—A wind power developer has withdrawn — for the time being — an application for a 117-megawatt wind farm in Highland Plantation, Maine. Highland Wind, which informed the Land Use regulation Commission on Monday, said it intends to resubmit its plan at a later date. Former Maine Gov. Angus King, one of the project partners, said more time is needed to address concerns about the proposal. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has expressed concerns about the project's impact on two rare species, the northern bog lemming and Roaring Brook mayfly, as well as other species such as spring salamanders, bats and birds. The original proposal was submitted on Dec. 29, 2010. King said the goal is to take a few more months "to get it right."

Bear traps and dogs bill killed

AUGUSTA—Maine lawmakers voted Monday to continue allowing bear hunters in the state to use traps and dogs, maintaining the status of the law since voters made the same decision seven years ago. While voting 11-0 to kill a bill that would have outlawed the use of traps and dogs, the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee kept alive other bear hunting proposals for further consideration. Two members were absent from Monday's vote on the trapping and dog bill. Similar proposals have come up and been rejected since 2004, when Maine voters defeated a referendum proposal to outlaw bear trapping and hunting bear with bait or dogs. Supporters of the proposed ban had portrayed baiting, trapping and use of dogs as unsportsmanlike and unnecessary. No one spoke in favor of the latest bill Monday before the committee rejected it. But other bear hunting bills are still pending in committee following hearings. A bill seeking to establish a spring bear hunting season, from the third Monday in May to the fourth Saturday in June, drew mixed reactions.

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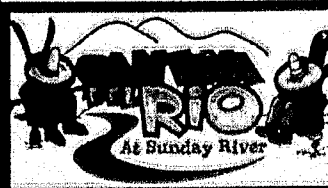
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Plant

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meeting from people concerned about the plant, but none of them were Newry residents.

Loretta Powers, Newry's administrative assistant, said she also had received calls, one of which came from an abutter.

She said she also asked one concerned caller how long the person had lived in town, and was told 11 years.

"I asked, 'Do you realize there have been hot-top plants at that gravel pit since then? It's not as bad as you think. You didn't even know it was

there."

Selectboard Chair Jim Laregess was satisfied with Morton's explanation.

"It seems like it's a legal activity," he said. "It fits with our ordinance, and the ordinance controls what we do. If people don't like that, then we need to change the ordinance."

The pit plant was first licensed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in 1971, and is currently up-to-date, Morton said.

The use of the plant, said Manzer, will depend on de-

mand. "If work goes away, we go away," he said.

He said his company currently has work lined up on Routes 26 and 117, as well as with the towns of Rumford, Waterford, Harrison and Bridgton.

In other business at Monday's meeting, selectmen accepted a bid of \$4,700 from Doug Zinchuk for a roofing project on the town's Sunday River Schoolhouse.

The board also decided to put out to bid a project to replace the Paine Bridge on the Branch Road.

G&W

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sponsible for sorting their own trash and recyclables).

The lack of clear data on the carbon-footprint question frustrated Chapman.

"I wish someone would tell me in black and white so I could know, because it's hard to do the right thing when you don't know what the right thing is," she told Bies.

"I don't know," admitted Bies, who has nearly 20 years of experience dealing with recycling.

He said he was under the impression single-sort was less green, "but I really don't know."

"Right now we do all our recycling in our own kitchens or at the transfer station. That's much more effective carbon-footprintwise," he explained, because with a single-sort process "all the sorting is done in a giant factory with conveyers and blowers and all that — there's your carbon footprint."

Chapman also questioned

the assumed inevitability of some form of single-sort recycling.

The way the single-sort is marketed is, she said: "Everybody will recycle, and it will be so much better" — but the disadvantages (including from increased contamination of the recycling stream) "are not spelled out."

"There are advantages and disadvantages," Bies agreed, "but I'm not convinced at all that single-sort is the way things are going to go rural."

"I think they're going to go urban to single-sort, but I don't think they're going to go rural."

Never on Sunday?

On another aspect of Pine Tree's proposal — operating hours — there was no similar uncertainty.

The six members agreed that the proposal's plan for staffing the G&W only on Wednesday (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Saturday (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) needed to be mod-

ified.

The G&W is currently open Wednesday and Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and also Sundays, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fred Henderson said not having the station accessible on Sundays was a non-starter.

Noting the number of campers, skiers and other part-time residents who use the G&W, he said "People who come up here for the weekend have garbage to get rid of Sunday."

Chapman agreed. "I think if we're not open on Sunday it's going to be a problem," she said. "You're going to find garbage piled outside the gate."

Awaiting OCSWC

The G&W Committee is expected to continue working with Pine Tree on the company's proposal, but is also awaiting the completion of a study by the non-profit Oxford County Regional Solid Waste Corporation on other possible alternatives for dealing with solid waste.



HEAVY LIFT—The former Bethel Police Department office space in the Cole Block is being converted to an office for the town planning assistant and Planning Board records. In order to increase the available floorspace, selectmen are considering offering the walk-in Mosler bank vault to anyone willing (and demonstrably able) to remove it safely. The vault was installed by the former Bethel Savings Bank, which moved into the building in 1892. The full structure, which is believed to include steel-plate and poured-concrete walls, is 8 feet high, by 6-and-a-half feet wide and 7 feet deep. The ornate door alone probably weighs over a ton, according to jeweler Jim Mann. For more information, contact Planning Assistant Vicki Rackliff, at 824-2669. (Photo: M. Daniels)

Accident

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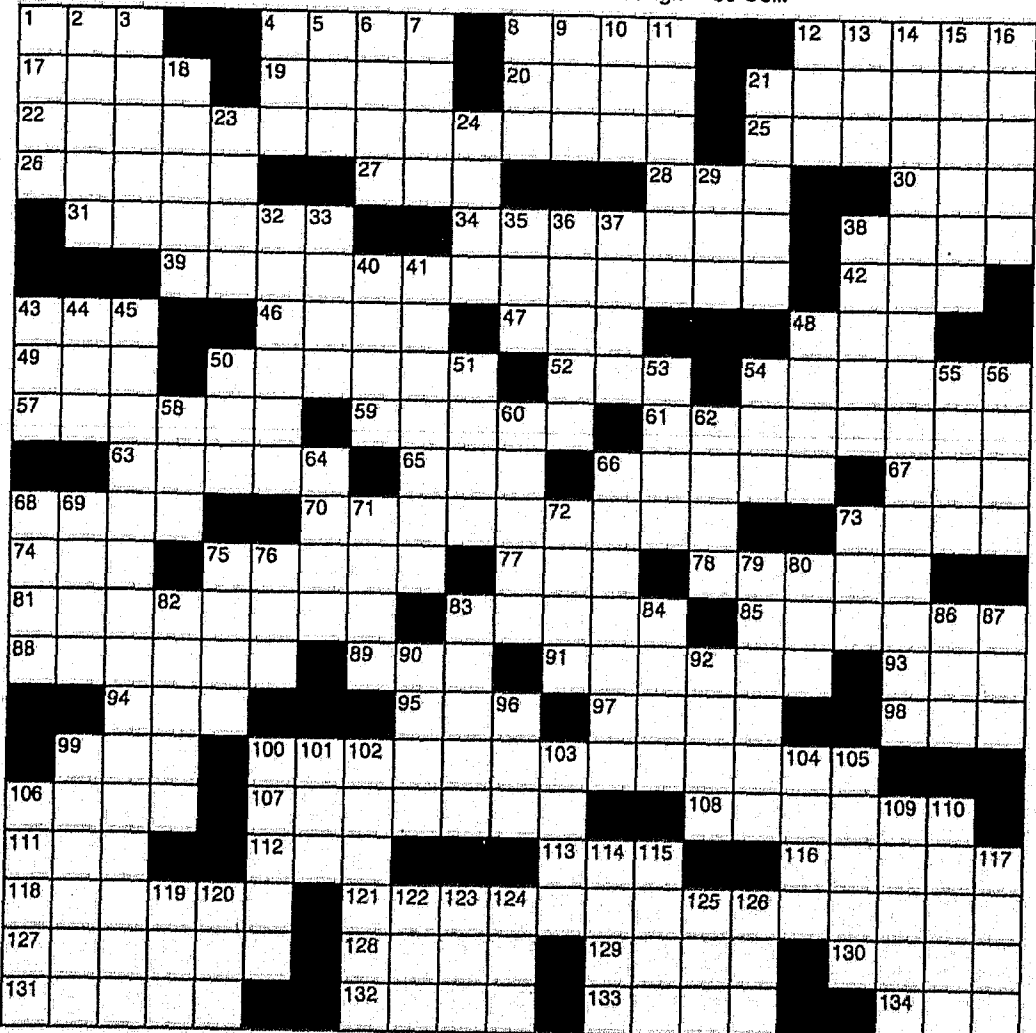
in a nearby gravel pit, and Burnham was airlifted to Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, where condition as of Wednesday was listed as "fair."

The Maine State Police have reconstructed the accident. Trooper Adam S. Filibrown, who was in charge at the scene, the said Wednesday that final conclusions of

the reconstruction were not yet available, but "it doesn't appear speed was a factor."

Oxford County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Halacy assisted at the scene.

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 - 99 "Gotcha!"
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 - 75 Wet blanket
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 - 79 Graceland, for one
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 - 84 Irene of "Fame"
 - 86 La-la lead-in
 - 87 Tasty tuber
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 - 92 Tree house?
 - 96 Jacket part
 - 99 Lawrence's locale
 - 100 "Archie" character
 - 101 Great bird?
 - 102 Dash of "Clueless"
 - 103 Fast-food favorite
 - 104 Cleveland's lake
 - 105 Summarize
 - 106 French bread?
 - 109 Vision
 - 110 TV's "Kate & —"
 - 114 "M*A*S*H" winner
 - 115 "The — Is High" ('80 hit)
 - 117 Say "Hey!"
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 - 126 Rin Tin Tin's mother



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Monday, April 25

At 2:30 p.m. a Newry caller reported that a \$1,500 watch had been stolen. He needed a report for his insurance claim. Deputy Mike Halacy was assigned.

At 9:12 p.m. a caller reported subjects in a white car had thrown beer bottles at a school sign on the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned.

Tuesday, April 26

At 10:52 a.m. a caller reported logging trucks on the posted Intervale Road in Bethel. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 4:02 p.m. a Newry caller reported suspicious calls, and the callers had much of the complainant's information. Deputy George Cayer was assigned.

At 8:05 p.m. on the Flat Road in Bethel Deputy Matt Noyes arrested Macy Blaisdell, 31, for a bail violation.

Wednesday, April 27

At 9:37 a.m. on the North Road in Bethel Deputy Mike Parshall served a protection from harassment order.

At 11:27 a.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to Mason Street in Bethel for a disturbance involving two subjects. Investigation revealed they had outstanding arrest warrants. Bridgette Downs and Shannon McAlister, both of Bethel, were arrested.

At 12:51 p.m. Deputies Mike Parshall, Willie Nelson and Doug Maifeld responded to the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel regarding a student who had been suspended and ordered off the school property in the morning. The student left and came back to the school, and he was again ordered off the property.

At 1:50 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to Mason Street in Bethel for a report of two subjects yelling and swearing at other tenants.

At 1:59 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to a Bethel home that the town had foreclosed on. It was being cleared of property. A town official requested the deputy take possession of an antique revolver.

At 3:21 p.m. an off-duty officer was driving behind a vehicle all over the road on Route 2 in Bethel. Sgt. Tim Holland and Deputy Mike Parshall intercepted it on Route 26. The driver had been eating while driving.

At 8:38 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes and George Cayer responded to Route 232 in Bethel for a property-damage accident. Melissa Pike, 34, of Woodstock was arrested for OUI, violation of bail conditions, operating after suspension and operating an unregistered vehicle.

At 8:50 p.m. Bethel Rescue, Cpl. Brian Landis and Trooper Paul Casey responded to Jonathan Clark Lane in Bethel for a report of a subject having a wound on the hand from a knife. The victim was not cooperative, first saying it occurred while cutting vegetables then later saying someone else did it. The incident was under investigation.

Thursday, April 28

At 3:11 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to the East

Bethel Road for a report of domestic violence.

At 4:26 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a report of a subject on the side of the road, breathing but unconscious. The subject woke up and it was apparent he was intoxicated. There were no warrants or bail conditions for him, and a family member was called to give him a ride.

At 11:35 a.m. Sheriff Wayne Gallant received a request that a deputy check the Intervale Road area in Bethel to lower the speed limit. A report was pending. The road was scheduled to have additional patrols.

At 2:19 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall received a report of a subject being harassed by a co-worker on the North Road in Bethel.

At 4:40 p.m. a caller reported a strange vehicle in the neighborhood on the Mayville Road in Bethel. It was found the driver was authorized to be there.

At 8:10 p.m. on Route 2/Route 5 in Bethel Deputy Matt Noyes stopped a vehicle for defective exhaust. He also observed two bald tires, inadequate plate light, no high beams, a severely cracked windshield, a defective tail light, and severe body rot/rust. The officer also confirmed the vehicle did not have insurance. The vehicle was towed and three citations were issued.

Friday, April 29

At 3:11 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder arrested Gregory M. Sessions, 53, of Bryant Pond for domestic violence assault on the East Bethel Road.

At 10 a.m. Deputy Mike Parshall was requested to locate an individual in Bethel to advise of a subject bailed from jail.

At 2:50 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall issued a criminal trespass warning on Broad Street in Bethel.

At 3:32 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to Vernon Street in Bethel for a report of theft of items.

Saturday, April 30

At 1:08 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Route 5 in Bethel for a report of a vehicle off the road. The driver claimed the gas pedal had stuck.

At 2:35 p.m. a caller reported he was trying to buy an item from a subject and wanted to check if it was legal. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

At 3:34 p.m. a caller reported several people in a silver Toyota were taking metal and scraps from the Andover Transfer Station. Deputy George Cayer was assigned.

At 9:24 p.m. on Route 26 in Bethel Deputy Matt Noyes arrested Sharon Hadley, 45, of West Paris for OUI.

At 11:43 p.m. a caller advised she had hit a moose on Route 2 in Hanover. There were no injuries and the moose had moved on.

Sunday, May 1

At 1:23 a.m. Deputy Matt Noyes and Cpl. Brian Landis responded to Woodman's Loop in Albany for a report of a large fight.

At 9:57 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes, Willie Nelson and

George Cayer responded to Mason Street for a report of an assault. Scott Dalitzky, 50, of Bethel was arrested for assault.

Monday, May 2

At 2:32 a.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to Main Street in Woodstock for a report that a small sports car with loud exhaust was traveling around the complainant's house. He advised the car had driven by several times and parked in different areas. The vehicle was located in West Paris when the two occupants approached the officer and asked about smelting. Checks were run on both subjects and nets were observed in the car.

At 8:26 a.m. Deputy Mike Parshall and Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the North Road in Bethel for a structure fire.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

April 27, 12:00 p.m.: Shannon Mae McAlister, 22, of Bethel, failure to pay fines, by Deputy Mike Parshall.

April 27, 12:15 p.m.: Bridgette Leanne Downs, 22, of Bethel, failure to appear, by Deputy Mike Parshall.

April 27, 9:53 p.m.: Melissa M. Pike, 34, of Woodstock, operating under the influence, operating after suspension, violation of bail conditions, by Deputy Matthew Noyes.

April 29, 4:48 a.m.: Gregory M. Sessions, 53, of Bethel, domestic assault, by Deputy Robert Ryder.

May 1, 10:57 p.m.: Scott D. Dalitzsky, 50, of Bethel, DV assault, by Deputy Matt Noyes.

May 1, 3:35 a.m.: Peter E. Dickerson, 20, of Greenwood, obstruction of govt. administration, disorderly conduct, by Deputy Matt Noyes in Albany.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



More than 100 people attended the blessing of Stephen Seames' recently purchased home on Sunday, May 1. The house, which is located on Route 2 on the outskirts of Bethel, was built in 1887 by Adelbert Scribner and operated as a farm. The Rev. Virginia Rickeman of the West Parish Congrega-

tional Church officiated at the blessing.

The holy water, which was used in the blessing, was taken from Twitchell Pond in Greenwood where Seames' ancestors first settled in 1769. Guests toured the three-story house and enjoyed refreshments.

Over the years changes have been made to the property. The barn was removed, as well as the second and first-story porches on the front of the house. Seames plans further renovations. The Bethel Library is par-

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ticipating in the statewide "Foods Not Fines Week" from May 9 to 14. During that week patrons can bring in overdue books and have their fines excused in exchange for a donation of non-perishable food. For information, call the library at 824-2520.

Don't forget that Saturday, May 7, is Walk-4-Polio Day in Bethel and Fryeburg. All money raised directly supports immunization campaigns in countries where polio continues to infect and paralyze children. In Bethel the walk is from 8 to 10 a.m. at Davis Park on Route 26. The Fryeburg walk starts at 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church. The cost is \$5. For more information on the Bethel walk, call Ellie Andrews at 592-9614. For information on the Fryeburg walk, call David Chaffee at 240-1643.

WeightWatchers of Bethel is looking for new members. The group meets on Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. at Jade's Salon. If you'd like more information, call Ginny Gamble at 824-7340.

Do you have news that you'd like to share? Please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

West Bethel

By LORRIE HOEH



April showers have indeed brought May flowers. Things are popping up everywhere.

While our own daffodils are a bit retarded, those of others are blooming to beat the band. In our garden we have pansies (that lived over), pulmonaria, forsythia, and crocuses. (The latter are pretty puny, but they bloom nevertheless.) Poking through with greenery are hosta, peony, daylilies, irises, heliopsis, lady's mantle, and co-

reopsis. The tiny lilac I bought at McLaughlin Gardens is full of buds, but it remains to be seen if any of them will be blossoms.

The big and little rhodios out front are loaded with blossom buds, as are the "lights" azaleas. Now we just wait for the show to open.

One task completed over the last two days was that of putting sealer on the deck boards. Mike has constructed a second raised bed garden which awaits a load of soil. Lettuce is coming up, and the perennial chives has about six inches of leaf showing. In the sunroom in flats are four varieties of sweet and hot peppers. They won't be planted in the ground until June, however. I expect to harvest some rhubarb by next week.

On our morning woods walks Jake and I have heard ovenbirds, Nashville warblers, and whitethroats, as well as the explosion of partridge wings. Since last week's rains, the last vestiges of snow are gone from the woods and gardens. The redpolls have moved on, but purple finches in their raspberry raiment and goldfinches in their golden garb have appeared to replace them. We are also seeing white-throated sparrows at the window feeder, and I was almost positive that I spotted a pine siskin at one of the feeders.

Eva Paul of Gunnison, Colo., formerly of West Bethel, is on a one-week tour of the recently devastated town of Tuscaloosa, Ala. She will be doing laundry with the Tide Loads of Hope Campaign. Tide provides a mobile unit equipped with washers and dryers where victims may bring their belongings to be cleaned. Eva worked on the Tide Loads of Hope truck in New Orleans in 2009 after Hurricane Katrina struck the gulf coast.

Sarah Paul of San Francisco, Calif., formerly of West Bethel, will be working a promotion for Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream for 12 weeks this summer. Sarah and her brother, Stephen Paul of Lake Tahoe,



Cecile Ebert of Bethel turned 100 on May 3. She moved from Lewiston to be with her daughter, Linda Gilbert, son-in-law, Michael Gilbert, and granddaughter, Amanda Snow, in 1983. According to Linda, she considers Bethel a found treasure. She is loved by all who know her. She cherishes her granddaughter, Amanda, and Amanda's husband, Christopher Snow, who always make time visit with her and relish her stories of what life was like when she was little.

Nev., recently visited the Ben & Jerry's factory in Vermont to learn the history of the famous brand and find out how to scoop and promote their ice creams. Sarah will be driving a state-of-the-art Ben & Jerry's ice cream truck around Los Angeles for six weeks and then be joined by Stephen in San Francisco for another six weeks of scooping free ice cream.

This week is Grandparents' Day at Gould Academy. We planned to be there for dinner with Molly on Tuesday evening, then breakfast Wednesday, followed by assembly, classroom visits and lunch. The last two years have been both informative and enjoy-

able, and this year's was, too, I'm sure.

This weekend Mount Blue High School's drama department will present "Pride and Prejudice," starring our granddaughter, Louisa Stancliff, as Elizabeth Bennett and Matt West as Mr. Darcy. We're eagerly looking forward to the production. Then on May 12 and 14 Gould will be showcasing "Godspell," and our granddaughter, Molly Siegel, will be in the role of Jesus. (I know, wrong gender, but that's the way it is.) Looking forward to that as well.

Here is some special news from the Bethel Library. Look under your bed, behind the couch, down beside the seat

in the car; you aren't going to find a deal like this very often. Bethel Library has dedicated the week of May 9 to 14 as Food Not Fines Week, part of a state-wide fine-amnesty-food-drive coordinated by the Maine State Library. During this week, patrons who return their overdue library items will have current and past fines excused in exchange for donations of non-perishable food. Those food donations will be redistributed to the Bethel Food Pantry.

Many Mainers have been hard hit by the recession. The USDA estimates that 14.8 percent of Maine households, or nearly 195,000 individuals, are food insecure, a number that has increased significantly in recent years. In addition, Maine ranks first in New England in terms of children who are food insecure; 21.1 percent of Maine children under age 18 lack access to sufficient food.

Maine State Librarian Linda Lord says, "Food Not Fines Week is a win-win event; you relieve your conscience of those nagging overdue items, libraries get errant materials back on the shelves to share with others, and together we all help our neighbors in need. Patrons without overdue books are also encouraged to bring donations of food."

How about it, folks? Sounds like a good deal to me. I hope to see you with your overdue items and food donations next week at the Bethel Library. Meanwhile, you can contact me or Jake with your news and views: dhoe@megalink.net; 824-2917.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



One cannot help but join the whole Nation in saying, "Congratulations and thank you to our soldiers for a job well done! At last the world is rid of one more evil person."

Bettyann Hastings let me know that she and Sonny spent a long weekend over Easter with Julie and Jack Warwick in Milford, N.H. Isn't it great how things are slowly turning green and flow-

ers are sprouting. I hear that many folks are busy sowing seeds and getting their gardens ready especially before the rain in the forecast arrives. Spring has sprung for sure. Runners, bicyclists and motorcycles are out and around, so, please share the road.

Speaking of about motorcycles, congratulations to Cherri Crockett for getting her motorcycle license. She thinks that more women should do it as it is empowering and educational. Ride the wind, Cherri, and enjoy.

A couple of weeks ago I tried to initiate a survey concerning what action the neighborhood should take, if any, concerning the speeding and road conditions. So far the only answers I have received are "nobody will listen any how." It is not too late yet, so call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net with your thoughts on this.

Now for the Trivia buff; here is the new question: "Which two East Bethel clubs ceased to exist in the 1960s?" Happy May.

Andover

By JANE RICH



On Saturday interested parents, friends and citizens gathered in the Town Hall to consider

options to the closing of our elementary school. For details see other news in The Citizen.

Welcome home to Sharoff Hutchins who recently visited her sister Bev and husband Ken Merrill in the Vancouver, Wash., area.

Bev Swan has returned home to continue her convalescence following heart surgery at CMMC in Lewiston.

The 5th grade class of Andover Elementary School will be conducting a bottle drive on Saturday, May 7, to benefit the class trip to Boston. If you need pick up or for additional information contact 392-4381 or 392-1113.

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ver Food Pantry on Wednesday, May 10. The truck will be located in the parking lot of the church and will dispense food to those who may find themselves short on supplies. This is over and above the ordinary services of the pantry.

The Olde Home Day Committee met on Monday evening and I will have a complete report for you in next week's column.

Selectmen held a special workshop yesterday, May 4, to consider ways to encourage economic and community development in our community. Since I plan to attend, more on that next week.

The East Andover Community Club was organized in 1938 under the name of The Home and Garden Club with 23 members. The object of forming the club was to help the community wherever there was a need and to fund and operate a Sunday School at the East Andover School House. The name change occurred in 1952 and the organization presently has 14 members some of whom are granddaughters of the original founders. Some of the club's contributions to the community over the years in addition to the Sunday School have included a Girl Scout Troop, Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquets, plays and minstrel shows. Presently the club funds the purchase of Bibles for the Sunday School at Calvary Bible Church, the Hungry Kingdom project, two scholarships to Andover High School Seniors, who are furthering their education. Other contributions to the community include families in need following fires and broken water pipes. In addition the club supported this year's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Any lady is welcome to join. You do not have to live in East Andover. The group meets on the second Monday of the month except for January and July at the Calvary Bible Church and dues are \$5 per year.

Quote of the week from C.S. Lewis, "Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one.'"

Happy Mother's Day to all you mothers out there and those who aren't but mother in other ways.

fluttering about in the sunroom. She closed all doors to the interior of the house, moved plants away from the exterior door and left the sliding door to the deck open for the birds. They finally found the open door and left.

The odd thing is that we hadn't seen a rose breasted grosbeak all winter at our bird feeders. I have stopped all bird feeding except for cracked corn that I sprinkle on the sidewalk/driveway for turkeys, and a few other ground feeders. I don't intend to feed the bears that get into our neighbors' feeders. Besides, the birds can eat insects in the warm weather.

We are a little disappointed that, so far, Shiloh doesn't like to ride in either the car or truck. One reason is that we won't let him get into the front where he can distract the driver, so he sits in the back and moans and barks a really sharp and loud bark - more and more often the longer he is made to stay there. He also has a habit of barking and waking us up by between 5 and 5:30 a.m. He is big enough now, that I run downstairs in slippers and let him out; then I hurry back to bed and can sometimes get 15 more minutes of sleep before he barks to come back in.

Now! - In the news, "Ding, Dong the witch is dead. Which old witch, the wicked witch. Ding Dong the wicked Osama witch is dead!"

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



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morial Library and the Androscoggin River Boat Ramp starting at 8 a.m. until noon. Snacks and helpers will be supplied and helpers need to bring rakes, shovels and whatever tools they would like to use. Should the weather be too bad to work, it will not be rescheduled because of the busyness of the season.

Free Seed Day at Rumford Grange 117 will take place May 7 starting at 9 a.m. and ending at noon. It is a good opportunity for anyone planning to start a garden this spring to get seeds.

The Rumford Grange Hall is on Route 2 in Rumford Center Village. Seed companies donated the seeds.

Hanover Select Persons have named Joelle Corey Whitman to be the Code Enforcement Officer for Hanover. She will share her time between Hanover, Greenwood, Woodstock and Norway. Ms. Corey Whitman is a resident of South Paris and can be

reached at 393-7705. She is replacing long-time CEO John Gauthier.

A real estate auction took place in Hanover along the side of Main Street on April 26. Three parcels were sold including the auction site, a Howard Pond Road parcel and acreage in Newry. Although several individuals were bidding, all three parcels were sold to one person.

The ice went out of Howard Pond on April 29 about three weeks later than last year. The loons have returned and it looks very spring-like at the pond, the exception being some good-sized snow drifts.

Local area members of the Knights of Pythias attended the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Lewiston last

weekend. Having completed his term as Grand Chancellor, Milton Township resident Michael Bennett turned the top position in the Maine Grand Lodge to Robert Morton from East Boothbay.

Morton's wife, Anna, became the Grand Chief of the Grand Temple of Maine creating what is believed to be the first time a husband and wife have both held the top Maine positions simultaneously. Also attending from this area were Danny and Janice Bennett (a Grand Temple officer) from Milton Township, Freeman Farrington from Andover, Craig Turner and Donna and Clem Worcester from Hanover, Sid Berry from South Paris and Robert Laoux from Norway.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



It seems nice to open up the windows and let the fresh air into the house. It is still a little cool to leave them open too late at night though. We got our gazebo set up on the front lawn and have been able to enjoy being outside a few times.

The colorful birds keep returning to the feeder. We had the little Goldfinches and Purple Finches showing up and now the bigger Evening Grosbeaks and Rose-Breasted Grosbeaks are appearing every day.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house Saturday. He and Hugh went over to look at the train station and come up with some ideas about closing in the openings in the foundation.

Lise McLain was at Ledgewick to visit with her father, Gerard Dupont, last week.

Hugh and I gave Norm Buttrick a call this past weekend to find out how he is doing since his knee surgery on April 25. He said he is doing fine and has a wonderful nurse there to help him out. (Cathy, of course.) Well wishes go out to Norm for a speedy recovery.

Eliza Jane Mann, daughter of Eli Mann and Bethany Coriveau, celebrated her first birthday at the Bethel Inn Conference Center this

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By RICHARD GROVER



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past weekend (her birthday is 4/27). There were over 50 friends and relatives present including her great-grandmother, Ruth Naples; her grandmother, Mitzie Naples; her grandfather and wife, Jim and Anne Mann; and her grandparents, Fernand and Beverley Corriveau.

Planning Board
The Planning Board will be meeting May 5 (tonight) at the Town Office at 7 p.m.

Town Office
The new hours for the Tax Collector began this week. She will be in the office from Noon until 6:30 p.m. for the summer.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton

By LAURIE BROWN



Sorry about my negligence last week! Time flew by and before I realized I hadn't submitted my column, it was Wednesday!

The Ladies Aid Association's annual meeting will be at 10 a.m. at their building. It's the perfect time to become a member in that fun, community-minded organization. Dues are \$5 a year. Election of officers will follow a light lunch (take a finger food to share). Their weekly meetings are Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Sunday breakfasts will be served throughout the summer from 8 to 11 a.m. On Mother's Day, May 8, all moms will be given a carnation at the breakfast.

Fun Day will be held on Aug. 20, 2011 and the theme will be "Back to Basics." Besides planning Fun Day activities, the ladies are work-

ing on a quilt and making Christmas items and gifts. Contact Carol Norman, Charlotte Dominique, or any other member for more information.

Six-week-old Noah Bergeron, of Farmington, spent the weekend with his grandparents in South Upton while his parents were moving. Noah had his first 4-wheeler ride, the best mode of transportation during mud season, from Joe Bernier's to our cabin. Hopefully, in a week or so, we'll once again be able to drive all the way up without harm to our vehicles, and without making the ruts in the Right-of-way worse.

There were four building permits issued by the planning board at their monthly meeting last Friday night. Their next meeting is May 27.

The next Selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, May 10.

The Upton Historical Society met on Saturday, April 30. Hopefully I'll have some information for you next week on the results of that meeting, and their upcoming plans. You can contact Joe Bernier at 533-2010 or Jennie Bernier at 787-2723 for more (or faster) information.

I truly believe spring has arrived. Our snow is mostly gone and the rabbits that are enjoying the grass on our "lawn" have very little white on them!

Have an enjoyable week. Se-la-h

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



I can't help but smile as I travel along the Newry road, window down, listening to "the Peepers."

Their deafening roar at each wet hole is a refreshing memory of spring's



GSE TEAM VISITS BETHEL ROTARY—Rotary International District 3450 (Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia) 2010-2011 Group Study Exchange Team visited the Rotary Club of Bethel April 23. The Rotary Foundation's Group Study program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas. This year's single-focus vocational exchange offered an opportunity to those working in all aspects of the health care field. Pictured here are, seated: Cheryl Law, health care administrator (Hong Kong); Louise Sin, RN (Hong Kong); Jennifer Mok, ophthalmologist (Hong Kong); Standing: Rich Allen, president, River Valley Rotary Club (host club); Vito Lee, team leader and general practitioner (Hong Kong); Ganzorig Baatar, Surgeon (Mongolia) and Steve Wight, Bethel GSE coordinator.

arrival.

Following the Peepers is the reminder to also drive alert during the dawn and dusk hours at said watering holes as the deer and moose have traveled down from their winter homes in the woods. After the long cold spell, existing on whatever bland diet they can scrounge, they come to munch and crunch on the fresh green shoots emerging from the murky water. We have seen several moose in the bog by the Wheeler Road. It makes me want to "Go See The Moose."

For any of you not accustomed to this springtime ritual, it is the intentional act of

dressings the kiddos in their jammies once supper and chores are done.

Then loading into the car and driving ever slowly up through Grafton Notch State Park watching for wildlife along the way, moose of course being the prime target. It becomes a game, nearly bragging rights between family and participating neighbors as to who sights the most moose in a single evening. The numbers vary largely due to traffic but it is a ride worthy of the exorbitant cost of gas. Simple mind, simple pleasures.

After all, relishing the beauty of nature around us, keeps

us grounded on all the basics that life has to offer.

I ran into Polly Mahoney at the Corner. She said they had eight people attend the Wilderness First Aid Course recently offered at the Mahosuc Mountain Lodge.

This last weekend they also held their annual Barn Dance. I regret to report that we were unable to attend, thus I cannot fill you in with all the juicy details. We have, however, gone in the past and had such a wonderful time. The evening starts with a potluck and chance to meet new people and catch up with friend and neighbors. Followed next by the removal of tables, revealing the dance floor that comes alive at the tune of a fiddle. Sorry we missed it Polly and Kevin but keep it up, it is an event enjoyed by all who attend.

Cheese making has ground to a halt for me since Freeman brought us home a two-week-old calf. Between him and Cote' Moose, our little buckling, there is not a drop left for the family. Cote' still has a month or so on the bottle but by then, I'm sure that our cute little calf will have a healthy appetite! Oh well, such is life. Freeman took our two pigs to the butcher's and brought home the calf - big surprise for the kiddos and myself. There are highs and lows to raising your own food but the reward of knowing that what you eat was healthy and lived a good life far outweighs the alternatives. Farm life is good here in the valley and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Wishing you and yours a week of productivity and happiness. Please feel free to contact me with any news or events fellow Newryites - sabcart@gmail.com or the good ole' fashioned way 824-0836.

West Paris

By JOYCE LAMB



Daffodils are out everywhere. My regular ones are large and bright yellow plus

I have many mini ones from pots of plants in years past.

They all grow well and increase in numbers.

Beverly and Vince Stevens were in Farmington to help Winifred Libby celebrate her 90th Birthday on Sunday.

On Sunday, May 8, at 9 a.m., the Rev. Richard Beal will lead the service at the West Paris Universalist Church on Stewardship Sunday. Jim Burke is organist. A coffee hour follows.

Sister Ethelyn Turner and I visited Pam and Jim Burke at their new home on Christian Ridge Road in South Paris. All is shining and bright and nearly ready for them to move into with in a few weeks.

What a beautiful view extending for miles over the hills and valleys. Sister Ethelyn lives just a short distance down the road from them. Then we drove down to South Paris to get cones of soft ice cream.

The parking lot was full of cars with a long line waiting to be served, so we went to the ice cream restaurant and had hot fudge sundaes instead.

Muffin changed her internal clock along with the house clocks and gets me up in time to walk with the others by 8 a.m.

I really don't need an alarm clock!

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Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Weather has been good as of late. We've had warm days, cool nights and no rain for a few days. Leaves are starting to pop and flowers are raising their heads; not as fast here as elsewhere, but we're always a bit late. Rain again Wednesday, but we can handle that, it is only rain, not the white stuff. Black flies are flying, but haven't been biting yet, at least not here. Dave did pull a tick off him the other day.

Last Friday, we closed on the property we were trying to buy. It is in North Norway and Dave is in heaven with all sorts of plans. We have been up there every day/night either hauling out trash or mowing or doing other clean up. It is unbelievable that someone would go to so much effort to dump things on their property. There are piles well off the beaten path. But Tasha seems to approve. She went up last night for the first time. It is quiet except when Dave is running power equipment.

Thursday, May 5, ACA meets in Waterford at the Library at 10 a.m. We are working on Step 5 but anyone who is interested is welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

Too Cold for the Porch went off on last Friday. And we were a small but enthusiastic group. All read the poems of their choice and it went well. The next Mountain Poets meeting will be May 8, this Sunday, at 4 p.m. FMI call 739-9115.

Friday Art Moves will perform at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School at 7 p.m. They will perform "Death by Dance." Tickets are \$5 and available at Books 'n Things or at the door.

Saturday, May 7, will be the Community Thermometer exchange at the Ripley Building in Norway. FMI call Lee Gammon at 743-1562 ext 428. Attended the Oxford Dems meeting last Sunday. A lot is happening and not all what we like. May 10, the Oxford Dems go to the statehouse. All interested can call Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

Also on May 10 the Oxford Republicans will meet at the Franklin Grange in Bryant Pond from 5:30-6:30 p.m. FMI



HOME LOST TO FIRE, BUT PEOPLE AND ANIMALS SAFE—A Central Maine Power lineman disconnects power from the Stearns home on the North Road in Bethel Monday as a firefighter in the background sprays water on the flames, visible through the trees. Deborah Stearns' son, Rusty, and his dog escaped the burning home, and horses in a nearby barn were safe. Firefighters from three towns battled the fire. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Loretta Mikols 875-2229.

Locke Mills

By LORRAINE LARSON



I didn't think about having typing problems when I took on October but he loves to get right up on the keyboard just as soon as I start typing. He is so friendly he is very sure of his welcome. He must be used to having a lot of people around who like animals. I never saw a cat who just settled in so easily and made himself right at home. Now Garbo made herself right at home when she came to stay but she went at it with a no-nonsense approach: I am here, I am the boss, get used to it. October does not try to boss, he just goes with the flow.

I have had a very busy two weeks, and I discovered that having a longer deadline doesn't help much when I am so tired I am forgetful so I missed getting in last week's news. I went to the Easter Sunrise Service at Hosmer Field very early Easter morning. I had to get up at the terrible hour of 5 a.m. Now I know a lot of people have to get up that early to go to work. My sympathies are with you. I sometimes see that hour but on the other end of the day such as when I have a good book I started at bedtime and am still

reading it at five. Thankfully I don't have to get up. But Easter morning I did. I thought I knew what I was going to wear but I changed my mind and went with a winter outfit. I can't imagine how the people, and there were some, managed to wear not only summer outfits but thong footwear on bare feet. I get goosebumps just thinking about it! I may have done it when I was young but either it was too long ago or my memory is completely short or maybe both, but I have no recollection of doing it, but then I don't remember that there were any thong footwear around at that time, either. I remember very serviceable shoes for the young and black shoes with moderate heels for the grownups and I can't even manage to describe them now. I thought they were perfectly hideous then and I still do, but I digress.

After the service, which Pastor Thacker handled with great ease, we all went to the Rumford Baptist Church for an Easter breakfast. Now those people know how to put on a breakfast. Even my son-in-law would have approved. He likes something besides sticky bun and muffins, which he says most churches serve at breakfast these days, and they certainly supplied more than that. We got orange juice, milk, and coffee and fried eggs and scrambled eggs with sausage and a quiche, and fried potatoes and fruit, along with the buns and muffins, and other stuff. It is a good thing we

had to get back to our church for Sunday School and the Easter service or we might not have been able to move. Certainly we would have had to ask forgiveness for gluttony!

After church Debbie and Owen and I were going to eat at a restaurant but they were closed. Luckily I had already planned an Easter dinner even though I had gotten a couple invites elsewhere. It was nice to be asked but I figure that by the time I have gone to everything the morning provides I am ready for a quiet meal and, horrors, a nap. Debbie and Owen had an Easter supper planned but they said they also had some ham at home to eat so it was only a minor inconvenience to have the restaurant closed.

Easter wasn't exactly a joyous time for us because the mother of a friend and member of our church, had died a couple days before so we were sad for our friend along with being sad for ourselves, as we all thought a lot of the lovely lady. Her name was Doris Putnam and her daughter is Elizabeth Putnam.

Then on Wednesday as many of us as could went to the funeral of Mrs. Putnam and then back to the house for a buffet. We had an evening of light (he does mostly song and story telling) evangelism with Greg Strange scheduled at the church and after the service twelve of us went to that fast food place that features the clown. Wonder what place

that is? We thought maybe after that Elizabeth would be tired enough to get some sleep. I know I was.

So these last couple days I have taken it quite easy trying to get rid of a myriad of pains. Not that I can see it does much good as I seem to ache about as much whether I go or stay, but it is quite painful to walk so I get extra tired. And I did need to get some housework done, so I passed up a wedding Saturday at the church. I'm sure I would have enjoyed it and the Browns would have taken me as Crystal Lake, who usually takes me to things at the church, was out of town. And speaking of Crystal, she and her sister, Dolly, and her brother, Tony Hebert, and his wife, are enjoying a week in the Dominican Republic. Al couldn't go because he had a complicated operation done on his thumb last week and his doctor preferred he didn't go out of the country just in case he got an infection. He also has to keep the thumb above his heart for six weeks. I can't imagine how tiring that must be. I am sure we all wish him an uncomplicated recovery and that he will be pain free after the six weeks are up.

I would do a little complaining about how chilly and wet this spring has been so far but after seeing the devastation that has taken place in the South from the tornadoes I am keeping a low profile. I haven't heard from my cousin, Frank Flint, who lives in Georgia, so

I guess that is good news because I am sure I would have heard if the storms had come too near Atlanta. Still I imagine they keep a wary eye on the sky these days and an ear to the weather channel. His sister, Carol Hatch, and her husband, Dan, are preparing to move to New Hampshire soon from their home in Turner. They have a lovely home there but health issues for both of them have prompted a move to an apartment their son, Matthew, has made onto his home so he and his wife can give them more help. They should enjoy being close to Matt and Danielle, to say nothing of Keegan, 4, Caydence, 3, and Braylin, 2, whom I am sure will keep them occupied and entertained!

I hope you all are having a good spring in spite of the weather and until next time stay safe and God bless.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet May 5 (today) at the Locke Mills church. The meeting starts at 11:30 followed by dinner by the Ladies Circle. Program will be a Brown Bag Auction. New members always welcome.

Easter dinner guests of Ken and Alice Hoyt were John, David, Shawn and Ray Crockett and Kayla Bickford, Beth, Steve and Marybeth Hoover, Jim and Charlene Hoyt, Bob Hoyt and Lisa Petrucci.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting.

Program at the Whitman Memorial Library for the month of May will be Norma Salway presenting "Spirit of Songo." A collection of poems and photos that tell the life of Songo Pond. Date is Thursday, May 12, 2 p.m. Public invited at no charge. Light refreshments.

Remember the Hee Haw Show, sponsored by Franklin Grange 126, to be held on Saturday, May 7, at the Grange Hall, Bryant Pond at 7 p.m.

Judith Grover tent 17 DCVW will meet at the Grange Hall for a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 9.

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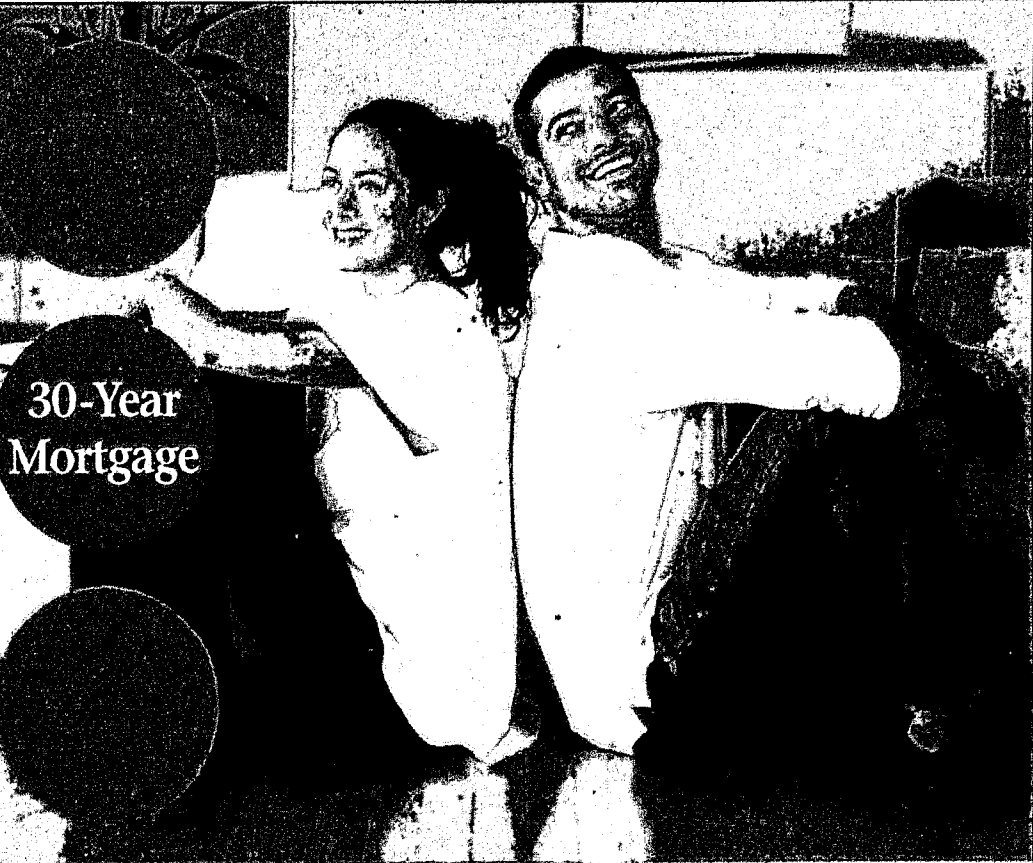
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Affordable Care Day at BFHC

May 25 is Affordable Care Day at Bethel Family Health Center. Do you want to learn about benefit programs and paying for quality health care? Drop by the health center on Wednesday, May 25, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Learn about the Navigator Program from one of its experts, Crystal W. Fitch, LSW.

For the past 15 years, Crystal has helped thousands of people obtain medications and afford quality health care. She has extensive experience with MaineCare, Medicare, and other benefit programs. Learn about the HealthReach Affordable Care program. If you are eligible (based on family size and income), this program may help lower your Bethel Family Health Center office visit costs to as low as \$10 per visit. Help with food stamps, low-income energy assistance, and other need-based programs will also be available.

Learn about health, medication and laboratory programs that may lower your costs and obtain help with the applications. Enjoy door prizes, refreshments, and activities for children like face painting and coloring. The event is free, open to the public, and no appointments are necessary. Just drop in and we will assist you with your benefit program needs.

Bethel Family Health Center is located at 32 Railroad Street in Bethel. For more information about benefit programs or the Affordable Care Day, call Ron at 215-8438. HRC@HealthReach.org. www.BethelCHC.org.

Bethel Family Health Center is a practice of HealthReach Community Health Centers (HRC).

WMSC program on Bhutan

The next Down Home Maine program sponsored by the Western Mountains Senior College will feature Polly Mahoney, Registered Maine Guide and co-owner of Mahosue Guide Services. Last year Polly journeyed with a small group to the mysterious and largely inaccessible land of Bhutan.

She will share her impressions of this gentle land, which is located on the north-eastern border of India.

Following the presentation there will be a potluck supper for those who wish to share a meal.

Contact Bonnie Pooley for more details and to volunteer a dish: pooleyb@gouldacademy.org or 881-7944.

WMSC offers multi-session courses, workshops, outdoor activities, special events and social gatherings to members aged 50 and over.

The Down Home Maine series features unique and adventurous people from our own community. Programs are open to the public free of charge; donations are accepted to offset Senior College expenses. Google Western Mountains Senior College to reach our website.

"Food Not Fines Week" at Bethel Library

Do you have an overdue library book? Look under your bed, behind the couch, down beside the seat in the car - wherever!

You aren't going to find a deal like this very often. The Bethel Library has declared the week of May 9 to 14 "Food Not Fines Week," part of a statewide fine-amnesty-food-drive coordinated by the Maine State Library.

During this week patrons who return their overdue library items will have current and past fines (not including item replacement charges) excused in exchange for donations of non-perishable food.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST AT THS—The Telstar Music Department will present "Beauty and the Beast" May 12, 13, 14 at 7 p.m. at Telstar. The production is under the direction of Tom Coolidge and Jennifer Bennett. The performance showcases the talent of 45 middle and high school students in the cast, pit band, and crew. In addition, three faculty members have joined in the fun with bit parts, and numerous community volunteers are assisting in all phases of the production. Pictured here are Emily DeCarolis, Dylan Coolidge, Kate Turnick, Dusty Bailey, Anneliese Smith.

(Photo: L&H Photography)

The food donations will be redistributed to the local food pantry.

Many Mainers have been hit hard by the recession. The USDA estimates that 14.8 percent of Maine households, or nearly 195,000 individuals, are food insecure, a number that has increased significantly in recent years.

In addition, Maine ranks first in New England in terms of children who are food insecure; 21.1 percent of Maine children under age 18 lack access to sufficient food.

Maine State Library is pleased to promote this effort. State Librarian Linda Lord says "Food Not Fines Week is a win-win event: you relieve your conscience of those nagging overdue items, libraries get errant materials back on the shelves to share with others, and together we all help our neighbors in need.

Patrons without overdue books are also encouraged to bring donations of food."

In Bethel donations can be brought to the library at 5 Broad Street. The library is open Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday from 1 to 5 p.m.;

Wednesday from 1 to 8 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call the library at 824-2520.

"Write Quick" available soon at BHS

A new edition of "Write Quick": War and a Woman's Life in Letters, 1835-1867 - a unique look at the Civil War era from the perspective of a Northern woman from Maine - will soon be available thanks to a publishing agreement between the book's two editors and the Bethel Historical Society.

The nearly 600-page volume was first published in 2010 by Winoca Press of Wilmington, N.C., but that company's recent decision to downscale by eliminating its printing arm left the fate of "Write Quick" in jeopardy. Since the original documents, letters and diaries upon which the volume is based have been owned by

the Bethel Historical Society since 2005 (thanks to the generous donation of Roberta C. Pevear, the book's co-editor), it seemed most appropriate that that organization assume responsibility for keeping the book in print; the society plans to have quality softcover copies available again through its Museum Shop by early June.

Containing more than 50 photographs, illustrations, maps, and an exhaustive index, "Write Quick": War and a Woman's Life in Letters, 1835-1867 tells of one New England family's daily experiences on the Civil War home front and battlefield. The book has been edited by poet and author Ann Chandonnet and Bethel native Roberta Gibson Pevear - a descendant of Eliza Bear Foster, the main character of this book.

A New Englander by birth and a longtime Alaska resident, Ann Fox Chandonnet is the author of numerous books, including "Alaska's Inside Passage" (Fodor's, 2009). Her food history, "Gold Rush Grub" (University of Alaska Press, 2005), won an Out-

standing Book award from the American Association of School Librarians. She currently resides in the Hickory, N.C., area. Roberta Gibson Pevear, who spent thirty-five years in business administration and law before serving as a New Hampshire state representative, grew up in Eliza Bear Foster's hometown of Bethel, Maine, and attended Gould Academy. She lives in Exeter, N.H.

Amid the gathering clouds of war, far from the nation's centers of power, two American families felt the first ripples on the breeze.

Andrew Bean, a teacher and farmer from Bethel, Maine, answered the call to the Union infantry.

His younger sister, Eliza, having found both employment and a suitable marriage in the bustling mill city of Lowell, Mass., soon saw her husband, Henry C. Foster, enlist as well.

In more than 150 revealing letters dispatched from camp and field and home front, as well as Eliza Bear Foster's own diary, the honors and horrors of war play out on an intimate stage.

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While Andrew wrote from the eastern battlefields of Bull Run and South Mountain, Henry posted lines from New Orleans, Fort Monroe, and Sabine Pass in the Western Theater.

Eliza's replies describe children and family - and sometimes desperate circumstances. "I have a good mind to send this [money] right back," wrote Eliza to her brother near the War's end. "I shant use it untill I hear from you. Write quick."

Illustrated with original documents and never-before-published photographs, the book traces Eliza's life from New England mill girl, to young married woman and mother, to war widow and victim of consumption. "Write Quick" presents a valuable case history and a poignant story of one Northern woman through her own pen and the lens of her contemporaries.

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Community Calendar

Thursdays thru May 26

Noon to 1:30 p.m. - **"The Beat Goes on: Living Well with Heart Failure,"** Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building, 136 Main Street, Norway, hosted by MaineHeath Learning Resource Center at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. Topics: eating well, exercise, stress and medication management. Registration required. Free. FMI and registration: (866) 609-5183 or visit www.mhcc.org.

Every Tuesday

5:30 p.m. - **Western Maine Velo Club Rides.** Meet at Bethel Bicycle, Route 2 (53 Mayville Road, Bethel). Helmets required, observation of "Rules of the Road" adhered to. Non-competitive. Mileage varies 15 to 40 miles.

Thursday, May 5

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - **1-2-3 Magic,** a solution focused discipline approach to stopping unwanted behavior in children 2 thru 12 years at Rumford Public Library. Open to anyone. Free. FMI and registration: Melissa Wakefield 739-6544.

11:30 a.m. - **Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens** meeting/dinner at Locke Mills Church. Dinner by Ladies of the Church and program Brown Bag Auction.

12 to 5 p.m. - **American Red Cross Blood Drive,** sponsored by Telstar National Honor Society at Telstar gymnasium. 16-year-olds can donate with parental consent. FMI and schedule appointment: (800) RED-CROSS or go to redcrossblood.org.

Friday, May 6

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River.

6:30 p.m. - **Hunts Corner Cemetery Association** annual meeting at Frank and Betty Gingras' house. FMI: 824-3408.

7 p.m. - **"The Vagina Monologues"** performance at Telstar Regional High School. Call for readers, no experience necessary. FMI: 743-9777 or e-mail director@reachmaine.org.

7 p.m. - **Art Moves Dance Group** performs "Death by Dance." Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School auditorium. Admission free for students due to grant by Davis Family Foundation. Adult tickets \$5 available at Books N Things, Norway or at door.

7:30 p.m. - **Storyhill,** folk duo, at Fryeburg Academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Tickets: adults \$20, seniors \$15, students \$10. FMI or tickets: www.fryeburgacademy.org or box office 935-9232.

Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater,** Buckfield, presents The Early Evening Show. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8 for 12 and under. FMI or tickets: 336-3306 (Box Office).

Saturday, May 7

8 to 10 a.m. - **Walk-4-Polio** at Davis Park, Bethel, and from 10 to 12 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, Fryeburg. \$5 per person. Walk with a friend. FMI: Ellie Andrews 592-9614 Bethel or David Chaffee 240-1643 Fryeburg.

8 a.m. to noon - **Hanover Annual Volunteer Clean-up Day.** Meet Town Office. Bring shovels, rakes, other tools for lawn work. Snacks, coffee, drinks, water provided.

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Bryant Pond 4-H Camp Clean Up Day.** Bring garden tools if possible. Hearty lunch. Rain or shine. FMI: 665-2068 for details.

Bottle Drive by 5th grade class of Andover Elementary School to benefit class trip to Boston. For bottle pick-up 392-4381 or 392-1113.

9 a.m. to noon - **Rumford Grange Free Seed Day** at Rumford Grange Hall, Route 2, Rumford Center. Pick up free seeds and plant a garden this year.

9 a.m. to noon - **Community Mercury Thermometer Exchange,** Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. First 200 with returnable thermometers receive new digital thermometer, free. FMI: Lee Gammon, 743-1562 Ext. 428.

10 a.m. (doors open) - **Benefit Chinese Auction** for Bob Packard of Peru, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, King Hiram Lodge, Route 2, Mexico (near Peru bridge). Drawing 1 p.m. (win whether there). Lunch counter, raffles, dollar table, 50/50. FMI: Peggy Turner 357-7072.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Children's Car Seat Inspection,** sponsored by Stephens Memorial Hospital and Maine Bureau of Highway Safety at Norway Fire Department. FMI: Carol Welsh 743-1562 Ext. 138.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Alfond Birthday Party** to honor infants born in The Family Birthplace Nov. 1, 2010-April 30, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. For information about the Alfond Grant, call Carol Welsh 743-1562 Ext. 138.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Third Holistic Wellness Fair** sponsored by The Healing Connection Corporation at American Legion, 184 Congress Street, Rumford. Public invited. Admission free. FMI: Annette Marin 364-1080.

11 to 2 p.m. - **Bear Bonanza** at Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. Bring lunch and camera. FMI: 557-0118 or e-mail Lisa.Kane@maine.gov or visit www.mefishwildlife.com.

1 to 5 p.m. - **Benefit Spaghettini Supper for Kurt Thurston,** Bethel Alliance Church, across from Telstar High School. Cos: \$8 for 10 and up.

3 to 5 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats** Caucus meeting on Issues and Activism for River Valley towns, Region 9 School, Route 2, Mexico. FMI: Cathy Newell 875-2116 or www.oxfordcountymaine.org.

7 p.m. - **Hee Haw Show** at Franklin Grange 124, Bryant Pond.

7 p.m. - **Woodland Cemetery** annual meeting at Stan Howe's house, 18 Broad Street (across from Bethel Inn). Anyone interested cordially invited. FMI: 824-2291.

Monday, May 9 and 23

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** for adults 19 and over hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center at South

Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI or register: (800) 281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

Tuesday, May 10

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats** Field Trip to Augusta - tours, visit House and Senate sessions, special briefings, Lunch in cafeteria with local legislators, and visit State Museum option. FMI and registration: call Cathy Newell 875-2116 or e-mail cathyn@megalink.net.

5 to 9:30 p.m. - **Supper/Dance** at American Legion Hall, Locke Mills. Supper: meatloaf, gravy, mashed taters, veggies, pies. Music: Jones Band. Doors open 4 p.m. Adults \$10/Child \$3.

5:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Republicans** meet at Franklin Grange, Bryant Pond. Social hour 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and meeting. FMI: Loretta Mikols 875-2229 or republican@earthlink.net or visit www.OxfordCountyGOP.org or check Facebook.

7 p.m. - **Program for Trout Unlimited** on state of the art technology used to chart wild and native brook trout waters, by Greg Ponte of Maine DIF Brook Trout Committee, at McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy. Silent Auction prior to program (6:30).

Wednesday, May 11

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** meeting/dinner at Crosstone Restaurant, next to Mollycoddett Motel, Route 26, Woodstock. Menu, yankee pot roast (\$10). Reservations: needed by 10 a.m. May 6 - Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877) if not signed up.

Thursday, May 12

7:45 to 9 a.m. - **SCORE Business Roundtable** meeting Ripley Medical Building Conference Room, Norway. Park at 2nd Congregational Church, corner Main and Paris streets. FMI or reserve seat: 743-2281.

2 p.m. **Whitman Memorial Library,** Bryant Pond, presents Norma Salway of Bethel, retired SAD 44 teacher, to share her book, "The Spirit of Song." Open to public at no charge. Light refreshments.

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Western Mountains Senior College** features "Bhutan: A World Away" by Polly Mahoney. Potluck supper follows. FMI and volunteer a dish: 381-7944 or pooleyb@gouldacademy.org.

6 p.m. - **Helping Runners With Pain.** Free class at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. FMI: 743-5933 Ext. 447.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 12, 13, 14

7 p.m. - **"Beauty and the Beast"** presentation by Telstar High School Musical Theater Department at Helen C. Berry Auditorium, Telstar Regional High School. Free. Donations gratefully accepted. FMI: 824-2136.

Friday, May 13

7 p.m. - **"The Vagina Monologues"** performance at Mountain Valley High School auditorium, Rumford.

7:30 p.m. - **John Pizzarelli,** jazz guitarist, vocalist, bandleader, in concert at Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: \$25 adults/\$15 students, group rates of 10 or more available. FMI or tickets: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org.

Saturday, May 14

7 a.m. - **Bird Walk** celebrating Centennial of the Weeks Act and International Migratory Bird Day begins parking area near Hastings Campground, south of Route 2 in Gilead, junction of Highway 113 and Wild River Road. FMI: Androscoggin Ranger District, Gorham, N.H. (603) 466-2713.

9 to 12 a.m. - **Public invited** to visit Boxberry School, 301 Webber Brook Road, Oxford, during in-school session. Snacks and refreshments. FMI: 743-9700 or visit www.boxberryschool.org.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Flea Market/Bake Sale** at Mundt-Allen Unit 81, Vernon Street, Bethel. Tables (\$10) may be purchased by calling Geri Greenwell 824-2532.

9 a.m. - **Relay for Life of Oxford Hills** hosting Co-Ed 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris. Teams all over Maine invited. Fee: \$50 for team of five (3 males/2 females). FMI: Pam Lovely 539-4563 or 890-7575. FMI Relay for Life: Mac Watts (207) 373-3704 or Mac.Watts@cancer.org.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Art Opening** featuring original oil paintings by Susan Roux and photography by Michael McAllister at A Center for Healing Arts Therapy, 180 Main Street, Norway. All pieces for sale. FMI: Carol Lundberg 838-1974.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Maine Wildlife Park,** Gray, will feature staff from U. Maine 4-H Camp, Bryant Pond. Bring kids for "Geology Rocks!" "Fire and Farts" and "Wild Things" Scavenger Hunt. FMI: 557-0118 or www.mefishwildlife.com.

5 p.m. - **Public Buffet Supper** at Finnish American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Finnish, American and other ethnic foods. Cost: \$7 adults, \$3.50 children. Sponsored by Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine.

5:30 p.m. - **Snow Valley Sno-Goers** Dinner - baked beans, casseroles, hot dogs, homemade desserts at clubhouse off Route 5, Andover. Cost: \$7 adults, \$5.12 and under, free for 3 and under.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club** at Oxford Hills Middle School. All square dancers invited. Cost: \$6. Non-dancers invited to watch no charge. Refreshments, pot 'o gold drawing and door prizes. FMI: Sue Corning 577-6894 or Eleanor Herrick 782-4050.

Saturdays, May 14, 21, 28

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** (old-fashioned dance music) at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Cost: \$5 adults. Lunch counter open.

Sunday, May 15

4 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Community Band** Spring concert at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **NRA Basic Personal Protection in the Home Course** at Pooh Corner Farm, 436 Bog Road, Bethel. Cost: \$150, includes lunch, books and other learning materials. Students must bring own pistol and 150 rounds of ammunition. FMI: 739-9774 (Western Maine Property Protection, LLC) or e-mail westernmainepropertyprotection@yahoo.com.

Noon to 1:30 p.m. - **Turkey Dinner** (and fixings) at Rumford Grange, Route 2, Rumford Center. Adults \$8, 12 and under \$4.

2 p.m. - **Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine** monthly meeting. Program: Tooty Wilson re Kantele. Coffee social. Public invited.

Begin Monday, May 16 (six weeks)

3 to 4 p.m. - **Healthy Steps,** a therapeutic exercise program, at Harper Conference Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital. Second session begins Thursday, June 16, 6:30-7:30. Fee: \$20 for classes six-week session (scholarships available FMI or register: 743-5933 Ext. 104.

Tuesday, May 17

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **Brain Matters: What You Need to Know about Stroke** at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway, No cost. FMI or registration (required): (866) 609-5183.

Wednesday, May 18

7 p.m. - **Norway Historical Society,** 471 Main Street, monthly public program: Tom Denison on Higgins-Crooker Charity Fund. Members, friends, public invited. Particularly anyone familiar with the Fund. Light refreshments. FMI: 743-7377.

Thursday, May 19

9 a.m. - **Clean-up of Androscoggin River.** Upper Andro Anglers Alliance and Telstar students from Telstar Challenge Course clean up section from Newt's Landing, West Bethel, to Davis Park, Bethel. Community members welcome to help clean up this and other areas of the river.

7:30 p.m. - **Bethel Historical Society** talk and book signing by Linda Lefko and Jane E. Radcliffe about research on the "Rufus Porter Landscape Mural School." Autographs follow of new book "Folk Art Murals of the Rufus Porter School: New England Landscapes 1825-1845" at Mason House Exhibit Hall. FMI: 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org or visit www.bethelhistorical.org.

7:30 p.m. - **Cadence,** Canadian a Capella group performance at Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors, \$10 students. Group rates available for 20 or more. FMI or tickets visit www.fryeburgacademy.org or call 935-9232.

Thursday and Friday, May 19 and 20

Maine Energy Systems OkoFEN Wood Pellet Boiler Training for HVAC technicians. Free. FMI: 824-6749.

Friday, May 20

9 to 11 a.m. - **"A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls"** hosted by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, at First Congregational Church, South Paris. Cost: \$10, scholarships available. FMI or registration: (866) 609-5183.

7 p.m. - **"The Reluctant Dragon"** by Theater at Monmouth at Fryeburg Academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$8 adults/\$4 students/2 and under free. FMI or tickets: www.fryeburgacademy.org or 935-9232 (box office).

Saturday, May 21

9 a.m. - **East Bethel Cemetery Clean-up Day.** Rain day May 22 at 9 a.m.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **May Fair, Artisan/Craft Fair,** Andover Congregational Church. Food Sale and Grafters Exhibit at Christian Education Building, Andover. Vendors. Free coffee. Proceeds benefit Hungry Kingdom project (to feed children breakfast, lunch and snack milk for school year 2011-2012).

5:30 p.m. - **Kenya African Dinner and Slide presentation,** hosted by West Parish Congregational Church at downstairs Parish Hall, to benefit Kaka mega Orphan Project, organization that helps children whose parents died from AIDS. Tickets: \$8 adults and students, \$5 children 12 and under.

7:30 p.m. - **George Lopez,** concert pianist performs at Fryeburg Academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$10 adults/\$5 seniors. Group discounts available. Tickets: www.fryeburgacademy.org or 935-9232.

Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22

9 a.m. - **Ellis River Riders Horse Show,** Airport Road, Andover. Free to spectators. FMI: 392-2381 or www.ellisriverriders.com.

Tuesday, May 24

Kindergarten registration at Agnes Gray School, West Paris, if child 5 before Oct. 15 and plans to attend. FMI/appointment: 674-2332. Bring child's birth certificate, immunization record and recent physical examination.

Wednesday, May 25

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 824-2289 for more information.

Saturday, May 28

8:30 a.m. - **West Paris Grange 298 Spring Sale and Flea Market** at West Paris Grange Hall, Church Street, West Paris village. Baked goods/lunch available. To rent table call Pat at 674-3241. To donate clean, used items (no clothing) for sale, call Nance at 890-6711.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Faye Taylor Art Show** at Bethel Historical Society's Mason House exhibit hall of art work by students Grades 1-6 in SAD 44. FMI: 824-2908, or (800) 824-2910 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org, or visit www.bethelhistorical.org.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—**Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—**Meditation** and more with Mountain Heart Sangha, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.—**Story Hours** for children, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—**TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—**Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda.

FMI: call 824-2520.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.—**Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.—**Knitting Group** for all levels even those who want to learn, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—**Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m.—**Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—**Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge,** Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.



LOCAL MINISTER DELIVERS PRAYER IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Rev. Kevin Bellinger and his daughter, Emily Bellinger, both of Bethel, stand in front of the Speaker's rostrum in the House Chamber, April 28. Rev. Bellinger, of the Bethel Alliance Church, delivered the prayer before the start of the day's session, and Emily sang the National Anthem. Their State Representative, Jarrod S. Crockett (R-Bethel), hosted the Bellingers. (Photo by Melissa Lacroix)

Honor roll

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The following pupils have been named to the Woodstock Elementary School Honor Roll for the third quarter of school year 2010-2011.

GRADE 4

All 's and B's: Payton Abbott, Josie Forbes, Bryce Koskela, Elizabeth McLeod, Abby Mink, Morgan Prentice.

GRADE 5

All A's: Blake Rothwell. A's & B's: Duncan Forbes, Maria Rodriguez, Tiffany Waterhouse, Russell Cushman, Mykiah Bennett.

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CONTRACTORS' DAY PLANNING
Telstar High/Middle School's third annual Contractors' Day will take place Saturday, May 14 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rain date is May 21. Here, THS Principal Dan Hart, left, and contractor David Berry plan for the event. Any one who would like more information or to participate in the day may contact the high school office at 824-2136.

School Lunch - Week of May 9

Telstar Lunches

Monday: Orange chicken w/rice bar, steamed broccoli, Big Daddy pizza choices, hot sandwich choices.

Tuesday: MYO pasta bar w/cheese sauce and homemade meat sauce, italian bread, Big Daddy pizza choices, hot sandwich choices.

Wednesday: MYO sandwich bar, cook's choice, Big Daddy pizza choices, caesar salad, hot sandwich choices.

Thursday: MYO sandwich bar, homemade shepherd's pie, seasoned breadstick, homemade wheat sugar cookie, Big Daddy pizza choices, hot sandwich choices.

Friday: MYO sandwich bar, cook's choice, Big Daddy pizza choices, hot sandwich choices. Fruit and vegetable bar available daily.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Chicken patty/bun w/lettuce and tomato, steamed broccoli, or ham hoagie, or pbj uncrustable.

Tuesday: American chop suey, italian bread, green beans, or pbj sandwich.

Wednesday: Pizza choices, caesar salad, or pbj uncrustable.

Thursday: Homemade shepherd's pie, seasoned breadstick, homemade wheat sugar cookie, or pbj uncrustable.

Friday: Italian sandwich, oven fries, or Sunbutter and fluff.

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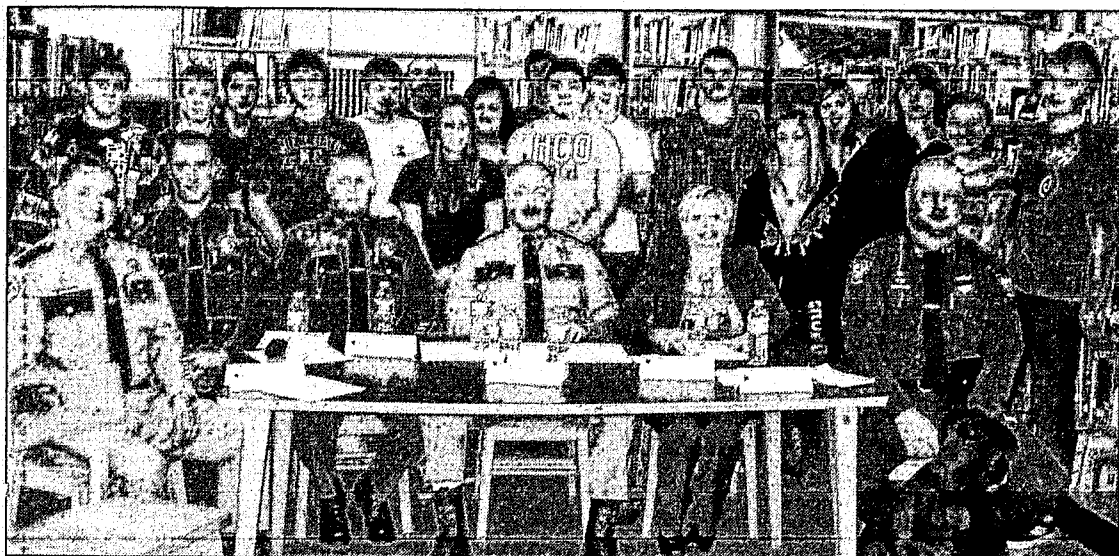
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CAREER PANEL AT THS—New this year, Telstar High School is sponsoring a monthly Career Panel Program for students. The brainchild of former THS principal Ted Davis and co-organized by THS guidance counselor Lori Lindsay and principal Dan Hart, students are invited to attend and be active audience members of a 45-60 minute panel of career professionals. Each month a theme or type of career panel is designated. The first Career Panel in October was made up of structural and chemical engineers. The second panel in December consisted of medical professionals - a family physician, nutritionist, registered nurse, EMT, and pharmacist. Recently, a panel of law enforcement professionals visited and spoke with more than 30 high school students. Students learned about 'the typical day'; education and training required; challenges and rewards of the position; and any new and surprising aspects of law enforcement careers. Pictured with several THS students are: Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant, Maine State Troopers Paul Casey and Kyle Tilsley, Oxford County Deputy Sheriff Michael Parshall, Berlin N.H. Federal Prison Officer and Business Manager Pamela Tharp, and Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Warden Norman Lewis and his canine assistant, Clyde.



SHOOTING SPORTS AT 4-H CAMP—Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center held its second annual 4-H Shooting Sports Training weekend April 29-May 1. Sixteen participants were trained and certified in three different disciplines: Archery, Shotgun, and Hunter Apprentice. Volunteer instructors included several staff members from Bryant Pond 4-H Camp, local volunteers, and 4-H Club leaders from various parts of the state. This weekend training offered hands-on instruction, time for practice in both shooting and in youth development, and a chance to get some actual teaching practice during the cross training sessions. During these sessions, new trainers had the opportunity to teach their new skills to the other trainees gaining valuable experience and a chance to be evaluated by their peers. Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center serves as the headquarters for the 4-H Shooting Sports for Maine and is currently in the process of recruiting more volunteer instructors and growing the shooting sports program statewide.

Sports

High School Varsity Baseball

Telstar 20, Livermore Falls 0; April 25— Telstar opened its season yesterday with a win over the visiting Livermore Falls Andies. Corey Howard and Kurt Morgan led the hitting attack with 3 hits each including a home run. Drew Wilson chipped in 2 singles and Ben Field crushed a homerun of his own. Dan Whitney went the distance on the mound to pick up the shutout. — Coach Bob Remington

Dirigo 5, Telstar 1; April 27— Telstar suffered its first loss of the season at home against Dirigo. Ben Field hit his second homerun of the season. — Coach Bob Remington

Telstar 10, Mt. Valley 2; May 2— Telstar exploded for 10 runs yesterday and went on to defeat the visiting Mt. Valley Falcons. Ben Field hit his fourth home run of the season, this one a grand slam. Dan Whitney hit a 3-run homer and went the distance on the mound. — Coach Bob Remington

High School Varsity Softball

Telstar 7, Livermore Falls 0; April 25— The Telstar softball team won the home opener. Kayla Merrill scattered 4 hits and struck out 13 batters to lead the way. Lyndsay Merrill had a 2-run double in the third inning and Hannah Morin and Kayla Merrill had RBI singles to support the Rebel offense. — Coach Jim Lunney

Telstar 8, Dirigo 0; April 27— Telstar's Kayla Merrill threw a 2-hit shut out and the team provided plenty of offense. Nicena Walker had three hits and 3 RBIs, Lyndsay Merrill had 2 hits and 2 RBI's, Vitoria Forkus had two hits including a triple, Sarah Averill had a double and Tasha Farnum had a 2 RBI single and the Rebel bats light up the Courgar pitching. The defense was led by Autumn Berry at shortstop and Kayla Merrill on the mound. — Coach Jim Lunney

Telstar 14, Livermore Falls 0; April 29— Telstar's Kayla Merrill threw a no-hitter and only allowed one baserunner for the game. She struck out 11 Andies and walked no one. Kayla received plenty of offense led by Saah Averill's 3-run homerun, Nicena Walker had a double and a triple and 4 RBI's, Kayla Merrill had 3 hits and scored 3 runs, and Tasha Farnum contributed 2 hits and Katie Sumner had an RBI triple as the Rebel bats stormed by the Andies. — Coach Jim Lunney

Telstar 16, Mt. Valley 1; May 2— Telstar's Kayla Merrill threw a two-hitter and fanned 11 to lead the Rebels to their fourth win of the season. Hannah Morin led the offense with a grand slam in the second inning and Nicena Walker added a two-run single in the 5th. Katie Sumner and Tasha Farnum had two hits apiece to add to the Rebel attack. The Rebels took advantage of 9 walks and 4 hit batters to cruise by the Mt Valley nine. The Rebels are 4-0 on the season. — Coach Jim Lunney

THS Boys' Track

Lisbon 213.5; Livermore Falls 70.5; Telstar 57, St. Dom's 45.5; Jay 15.5; April 27. Telstar results: 3,200 relay: 1. Pew, Lewis, Mahar, Holt 9:17; 4. Ryerson, Keane, Kean, Kellner 10:05.0. 100 meters: (Winning time 11.9) 7. Dylan Helms 12.7; 11. Jared Vermette 13.2; 13. Dylan Poland 13.5; 18. Alex Goulet 14.4. 1,600 meters: 1. Josef Holt 5:00.2; 2. Adam Mahar 5:19.4; 4. Elek Pew 5:33.9. 400 relay: (Winning time 49.7) 2. Vermette, Poland, Helms, Lyman 51.2. 400 meters: (Winning time 56.1) 7. Austin Ryerson 61.8; 8. Matthew Keane 63.5; 11. Jared Vermette 64.6; 12. Bronson Dean 65.4; 16. Dylan Helms 67.6; 17. Casey Kellner 67.8. 200 meters: (Winning time 24.1) 5. Dylan Helms 27.5; 6. Dylan Poland 28.0; 7. Jared Vermette 28.1. 3,200 meters: 1. Josef Holt 11:37.3; 2. Ben Lewis 11:42.7. 1,600 meters: (Winning time 4:03.5) 4. Pew, Mahar, Lewis, Holt 4:15.5; 5. Ryerson, Goulet, Dean, Keane 4:32.3. Javelin: (Winning distance 140-03.0 feet) 5. Will Lyman 117-09.0; 5. Tim Jewell 115-04.5. Long jump: (Winning distance 18-06.0) 5. Alex Goulet 16-09.5; 8. Will Lyman 15-06.0.

THS Girls' Track

Lisbon 192.5, St. Dom's 65.5, Livermore Falls 62.5; Jay 41.5, Telstar 29; April 27— 3,200 relay: (Winning time 11:29) 2. Steven, Maines, Lee, Blaszcak 11:32.0. 100 meters: (Winning time 13.5) 2. Katie Blaszcak 14.3; 5. Savanna Patenaude 14.8. 16. Gabby Monzo 16.0. 1,600 meters: (Winning time 6:36.5) 6. Taylor Maines 7:03.3. 400 meters: 1. Katie Blaszcak 69.1; Casey Blaszcak 69.3; 7. Savannah Belisle 81.6. 200 meters: (Winning time 28.9) 10. Gabby Monzo 34.1. Javelin: (Winning distance 91-10.5) 17. Kimberly Moore 41-06.0. Long jump: (Winning distance 15-06.0) 4. Savanna Patenaude 12-09.5.

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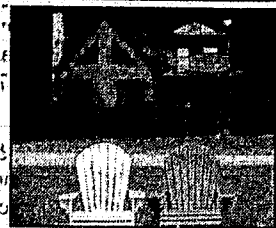
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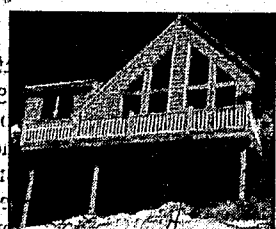
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REAL ESTATE & RENTALS

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Baker Road, Bethel \$569,000; Highly desirable waterfront property on Songo Pond with beautiful beachfront with gazebo. Log home has much to offer with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths plus additional sleeping space in the daylight basement. Home features a field stone fireplace, additional woodstove plus outdoor hot tub. Easy commute to Sunday-River Ski Resort and Golf Club. You can truly have it all with this property!!!



Vail Drive, Newry \$549,900; Amazing home with amazing views! This new chalet is located at the top of Powder Ridge looking directly at Sunday River Ski Way. With sweeping views to the west, you can watch the sun set behind the Mahoosuc Range. Only 5 minutes to skiing and golfing this home has a superb location. Home features lots of glass to maximize views with a stone faced fireplace for cozy ambiance. Wood floors throughout with tile in mudroom and baths. Granite counter tops, first floor master suite and unfinished day light basement for added expansion make this a home you won't forget!



Mountain Valley, Bethel \$329,000; Under construction! New live edge chalet on this incredible lot with magnificent westerly views encompassing the Presidential Range. This new 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home will have hardwood and tile floors. Master bedroom and full bath will be on the first floor. Full walk-out basement will give possibilities of expansion. The fireplace in the living area will add warmth to this inviting home. Close to town, golf courses, Sunday River and Mt. Abram.

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Homes



NEW PRICE

98 Paradise Road, Bethel: This appealing cape is on a beautiful lot with views. Located in a nice neighborhood setting, this home features 4 BRs including master suite, tiled mudroom, sunny open living area and hardwood flooring. Recently constructed post & beam barn with a 2-car garage \$246,000



11 Mills Hill Rd, Newry: Walk to South Ridge from this quintessential ski home. Stunning great room with stone fireplace and post & beam cathedral ceiling. Gourmet kitchen with Viking appliances, separate living/play area, 6 bedrooms, 2 master suites, hot tubs, slope views. \$779,000



SKI TRAIL ACCESS

61 Greenbriar Rd, Newry: Enjoy the convenience of trail access onto Ridge Run from this spacious, authentic ski chalet. 8 bedrooms (including bunk room), 4 baths, 3 family rooms, several decks, a sauna, bar and slope views combine to make this a wonderful vacation property! \$945,000



41 Forrest Lane, Greenwood: 3-BR/2-bath home in the South Pond Shores development. Open concept living/dining/kitchen area with cathedral ceiling, master suite with loft area, deck & full daylight basement. Access to the shared beach on South Pond, individual boat slips & dock area. \$199,000



Edon Ridge Townhomes, Bethel: Unit 1B - 3-BR/2.5-bath unit was recently reconstructed with a new floor plan & upgrades that include granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Also has a gas fireplace, garage and beautiful views. Within walking distance to downtown. \$195,000



447 Sunday River Rd, Newry: Lovely 3-BR/2-bath home with Sunday River views, only one mile from the resort. Nicely appointed with high-end finishes, including tile and wood flooring, stainless steel appliances, master suite with large walk-in closet, high ceilings, deck and more. \$329,000



PREMIER HOME

33 King Pine Drive, The Colony: This newly constructed architecturally designed home has breathtaking views of the slopes. 5 BRs, 4.5 baths and filled with custom details. Features include a stone fireplace, large custom kitchen, coffered dining room ceiling, tiled baths and much more. \$1,059,000



5 Locke View Dr, Will View, Bethel: 5-BR, 2.5-bath log-sided chalet, 5 minutes to base lodges at Sunday River. Open living area with hardwood floors & gas fireplace. Beautiful kitchen with center island, stainless steel appliances & granite countertops. Finished daylight basement with family room. \$269,000



PREMIER HOME

11 Breckenridge Rd, Powder Ridge: 4108 sq. ft. with 15 rooms including 5 BRs & 4 baths. Open floor plan, custom kitchen, large master suite with 2 walk-in closets, 2-story wood burning fireplace, wrap-around cedar deck & stunning views. Interior designer-consulted, fully furnished with decor. \$895,000

Land

0 North Rd, Gilead: 38.9 acres with 685 feet of Androscoggin River frontage and mountain views. Development potential. Gravel road & power in place. \$285,000

9 Vista Rd, Newry: 11-acre lot at The Peaks with panoramic views. Access to hiking and snowmobile trails near Mt. Will. Building package available. \$149,900

Mahoosuc Glen, Lot 45: 1.13+- acre home site boasts 180-degree views of the Mahoosuc Range, the Sunday River valley and golf course. \$199,000

Lot 9A Rowe Hill Rd, Greenwood: A wonderful, wooded, 2-acre building lot on a quiet road just two miles from Lake Christopher, minutes from Mt. Abram and a short drive from Sunday River. \$29,000

90 Vail Drive, Powder Ridge: This 1.1 +- acre lot is located in the exclusive Powder Ridge neighborhood near Sunday River. This very affordable home site is level and nicely wooded. \$49,000

The Colony - an exclusive mountain development

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TIMBER CREEK - BETHEL \$47,500+		HARBOR HILL - WOODSTOCK \$28,000+

Condominiums

GEHRING GREEN TOWNHOUSE 3 bed/3 bath, Near Country Club, In the village. \$445,000	EDEN RIDGE 6B 2bed/2 bath, fireplace, walk to town, laundry, garage. \$145,000
POWDER RIDGE TOWNHOUSE #33 3 bed/2.5 bath, tri-level, furnished. \$249,000	CASCADES C17 1bed/1bath, furnished, slope/side, common area-pool, hot tub. \$139,000
NORTH PEAK III #104 2bed/1bath, sleeps 7, ski-in/out access, lockers, pool. \$210,000	FALL LINE - W210 1bed/1bath, recently remodeled, pool, slope/side. \$130,000
RIVERBEND 2bed/2bath, post & beam, skylights, sleeps 8, furnished. \$169,000	LAKE CHRISTOPHER CONDO 2bed/2bath, waterfront, furnished, close to town. \$129,000
EDEN RIDGE 4C 2bed/2bath, fireplace, walk to town, nice view open plan. \$159,000	BROOKSIDE II #302 1bed/1bath, great view sleeps 6, slope/side. \$125,000
RIVERBEND 2bed/2bath, post & beam, furnished, shuttle service, near town. \$158,000	SUNRISE 131A 1bed/1bath, slope/side, furnished. \$120,000
EDEN RIDGE 5A 2bed/2 bath, fireplace, walk to town, jacuzzi/sauna, and unit. \$150,000	CHAMBERLAIN B10 2bed/2bath, end unit, fireplace, furnished. \$105,000
MT ABRAM A28 2bed/2bath, trail views, end unit, woodstove, porch. \$149,000	CHAMBERLAIN B14 2bed/2bath, fireplace, furnished. \$95,000

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22 Sunday River Rd. 3.8 Acres \$259,000 \$225,000	Powder Ridge Lot #20 \$149,000 \$125,000
Songo Pond Waterfront Home \$335,000 \$299,900	Will View Subdivision Ski Home \$316,000 \$279,900

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Cascades C-25	\$134,900
Lake Christopher Home	\$340,000

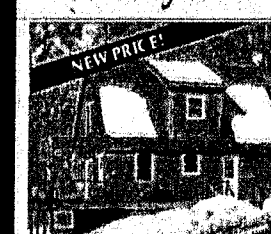
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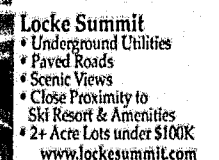
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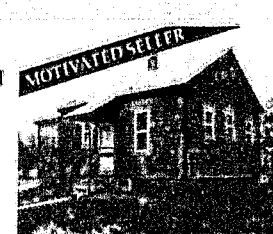
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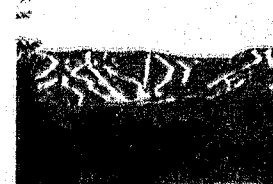
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